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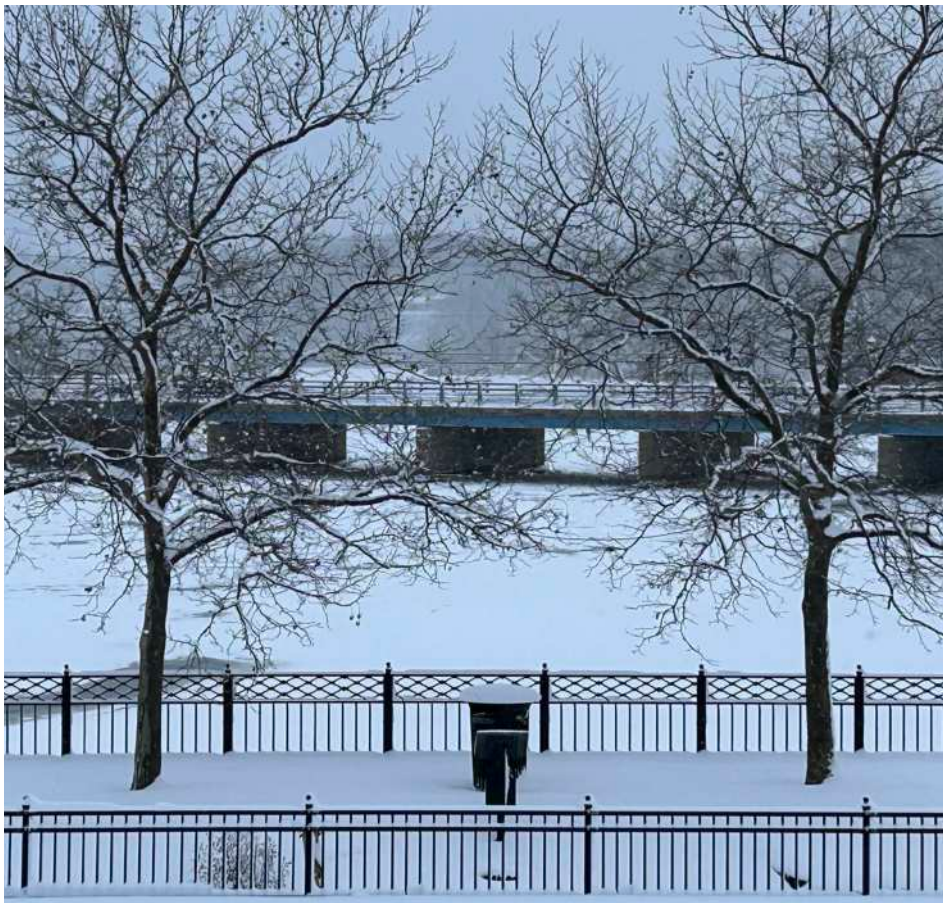


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Downtown Allegan, the Old Iron Bridge, the Riverfront, and the Kalamazoo River all covered with several inches of snow on Tuesday's very chilly morning. Photos by Julie Hotchkiss

## Brrrrrrrr... now that's cold!

By Jordan Wilcox  
Assistant Publisher

Allegan turned into a winter wonderland overnight as snow blanketed the city and temperatures slipped into the negatives.

On Sunday, Allegan saw its warmest temperature of the month, 40 degrees. However, overnight, temperatures sharply dropped down by over 80% on Monday, down to 7 degrees.

At the time of writing this (Tuesday morning), it's now three degrees, but feels like -11 with the wind chill.

Over five inches of snow has also fallen in the city, and experts estimate more snowfall and colder temperatures by the time you read this.

The National Weather Service in Grand Rapids has issued two different alerts for Allegan County - a Winter Weather Advisory and a Severe Weather Advisory. They say that temperatures could drop down to as low as -20 degrees, and the area could receive two more inches of lake effect snow.

They recommend you take great precautions as prolonged exposure to sub-zero temperatures could cause frostbite and road conditions will obviously be hazardous.

## Hospital Foundation recipient of Eva Martin Project

By Gari Voss

On January 16, 2025, Chief Development Officer Kim Loftus of the Borgess Allegan Foundation announced that Borgess Ascension Allegan, Borgess Lee and Borgess Pipp Hospitals were recipients of a donation of 355 stuffed animals and 130 blankets from the Eva Martin Project. The gifts will be distributed to the three hospitals.

The family has made the donations of stuffed animals and blankets their mission because of their experience when their 3 year old daughter Eva, born Nov. 9, 2019, threw the family into chaos.

As Eva's parents described, she was an adventurous child who was determined to keep up with her older brother Lucas. "Her independence and determination to do everything her brother did, made her a fierce toddler. A force to be reckoned with, while sweet and innocent."

On Sunday, June 4, 2023, Eva adventured into the family pool without a floatation device. She was pulled from the pool, and CPR was performed as emergency medical technicians rushed her to Corewell Health Lakeland Hospital. After 45 minutes, Eva's heart was revived, and she was stabilized for transport to pediatric intensive care at Bronson



Eva Martin. Photo: K. Loftus

Children's Hospital.

The parents had rushed to the hospital and waited to learn the fate of their daughter. When they were allowed into the hospital room, they found Eva sleeping peacefully with two stuffed animals, a parrot and a multicolored fish, flanking her tiny body that was covered in a beautiful purple butterfly blanket.

This was such a comforting sight that Eva's parents wanted to give the same gift to other children and their families. Thus, the Eva Martin Project began. Out of chaos and what could have been a terrible

conclusion came a determination to collect and distribute stuffed animals and blankets that could bring warmth and a smile to another child.

The items are donated to emergency rooms and pediatric care units. The current load of items was donated to the Ascension Borgess Foundation to distribute.

Loftus shared, "The initial delivery was made to Lee, and then one day next week [the week of January 20th], the stuffed animals and blankets for Allegan and Pipp will be brought to those hospitals."

## Fennville board, superintendent part ways

The Fennville Board of Education and Dr. Doug Greer have mutually agreed that a different approach is needed to align with the district's evolving priorities. The Board would like to make clear that this decision is not related to any professional misconduct or impropriety. It is simply a mutual agreement made in the best interests of the district at this time.

Dr. Greer's willingness to support the transition process is a testament to his dedication to Fennville Public Schools. He has expressed a strong desire to assist in ensuring a smooth leadership change and to provide any consultation necessary to the district during this period of transition. The Board is actively working to determine the next steps for leadership and will provide updates as plans are finalized.

Dr. Doug Greer began his term as Superintendent of Fennville Public Schools in July of 2023.

Under Dr. Greer's leader-

ship, the district advanced key strategic priorities, including the development of measurable goals, the successful negotiation of three union contracts using Interest-Based Bargaining, and a careful stewardship of district finances that resulted in an increased fund balance. His efforts have left the district in a strong position to continue moving forward according to a school district press release.

The Board has named long-time Fennville teacher and principal, Mr. Albert Lombard, as interim Superintendent. Mr. Lombard's responsibility will be to hold the district steady while building trusting relationships; all while guiding the day-to-day operations of the district.

Mr. Lombard has spent his entire career at Fennville Public Schools. After teaching math at Fennville Middle School for 7 years, he spent the next 10 years as the principal at Fennville Elementary School. Under

his shared leadership, Fennville Elementary school achieved top 10 math & English growth for English Language Learners out of 1,500 elementary schools in the state of Michigan and was recognized several times by U.S. News & World Report honors.

For the past 2.5 years, Mr. Lombard has served as Fennville High School principal. FHS was recently recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a Bronze High School. Mr. Lombard will still remain active in the day-to-day operations of Fennville High School.

"I am honored and prepared to step into this role for a school district where I have spent my entire career. The students, the staff, and the people of this community mean so much to me and are an important part of my life. I want to continue to see their successes and am committed to empowering those successes at Fennville Public Schools."

Mr. Lombard has a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Grand Valley State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Alma College.

## Jipp takes circuit court bench

ALLEGAN — In a "robing" ceremony earlier this month, Emily Jipp was presented with the black robe symbolic of the authority of a circuit court judge. Jipp was elected last November to become the county's third circuit court judge, joining incumbent circuit judges Matthew Antkowiak and Marge Bakker. Jipp is the first person to preside in the third circuit court judge position. Bakker and former chief circuit court judge Roberts Kengis, working with the Board of Commissioners and legislators representing the county in Lansing, successfully petitioned the state court administrative office, Legislature, and Governor to create the third judgeship for the 48th Circuit Court to relieve the growing backlog in the court.

Prior to her judicial election, Jipp served as a Van Buren and Allegan County assistant prosecuting attorney.

## Dugan to lead commissioners

By John Raffel  
Correspondent

GOBLES — At its organizational meeting earlier this month, the newly-seated Board of Commissioners (BOC) elected Gale Dugan of Otsego TownshipC to chair the body and Scott Beltman, as vice chair.

Both were elected to one-year terms in their respective posts. In an interview after his election, Dugan reflected on the local government legacy handed down from his grandfather and father.

He said he is looking forward, he wants to maintain the cohesiveness of the BOC and help provide the

framework for the administration to do its job operating the county government. Among the board's accomplishments, Dugan pointed to the renovations of the courthouse and the county services building to improve service delivery for residents.

He also pointed to improvements in the county

animal shelter's operations, planned updates for the county's medical care facility, and the smooth functioning of the health department.

Beltman continues in the vice chair role he held in the 2023-2024 BOC contingent.

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# Laketown board unites behind Genetski for manager

The Laketown Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, to offer Bob Genetski the township manager position.

The 5-0 decision showed a united board agreeing to put behind past disagreements.

The board voted on November 13 to offer the manager position to Genetski but could not come to an agreement to approve the contract.

Four of five members of the board voted on January 8 to open negotiations with Brandon Mersman, city manager of Bronson, Michigan, while still keeping Genetski's contract open.

After that meeting, however, Mersman wrote in a text he was no longer interested in the Laketown position.

In a letter dated January 12, Mersman thanked the board for the opportunity to

participate in the search that started with 44 candidates.

"After careful thought and consideration, I am writing to formally withdraw my candidacy for the Laketown Township Manager position. This decision did not come easily as I have deep roots in the community," he wrote.

"I have appreciated the opportunity to engage with the board and learn about the vision and objectives of

Laketown Township."

The board on Wednesday instructed Supervisor Steven Ringelberg and Trustee Mike Koeman to re-engage with Genetski.

The board could take up the issue again at a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, at the township hall, 4338 Beeline Road.

Board members who supported Mersman made it

clear on Wednesday that they never had any ill will toward Genetski, who is the current Allegan County Clerk and Register of Deeds.

"We didn't put Bob down," said Trustee Mark Timmerman.

Koeman said he had nothing against Genetski. "I think it's time to give him a shot," Koeman said.

Clerk Jim Delaney said he supported Mersman, "but I

do want to move on." Delaney has noted that he knows Genetski and has a great deal of respect for him.

"I think Bob's a great guy," said Treasurer Jim Johnson.

Long-time Manager Al Meshkin retired on January 3, 2025. Ringelberg is serving as interim manager as well as supervisor.

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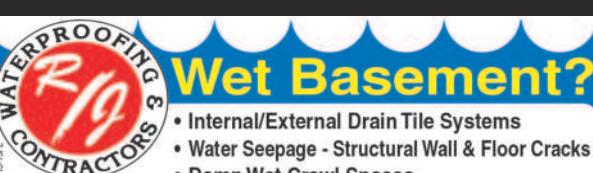
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# Embracing winter; enjoying what the outdoors has to offer

By Cindy Sasser

One thing I found impressive when I moved to Michigan is that people don't waste any time embracing the seasons as they arrive. They jump right in! Being from Phoenix AZ where you experience one eternal season, I procrastinated and missed a few opportunities my first couple of years here. I plan to be on my toes going forward.

Although many agree that winter time is best indoors where its warm and cozy, I wanted to find out how others take advantage of the various outdoor opportunities that winter has to offer.

Jennifer of Allegan said that her family enjoys renting snowshoes at the Outdoor Discovery Center and hiking their trails. What an excellent suggestion for hikers and nature enthusiasts! Jennifer is also part of the team at ODC in Holland.

When I dug in on their website, [outdoordiscovery.org](http://outdoordiscovery.org), I found the following reference:

The ODC Nature Preserve is former farmland, so the property is relatively flat and easy to traverse. In the winter, ungroomed trails can still be explored with your own boots, skis, or snowshoes; or inquire in the Visitors Center to rent a pair of snowshoes from us.

You'll find an excellent calendar of winter events if you click on the "Programs" tab and then "Calendar." It includes many upcoming scheduled 'Snowshoe Hikes' for families.

I took the following passage from their website:

The ODC Network is a registered 501(c)(3)



non-profit organization that strives to advance outdoor education and conservation in West Michigan.

Since 2000, ODC Network has served more than 1.3 million people through hands-on, outdoor learning experiences and conserved thousands of acres of native habitat through restoration and preservation projects.

Tucker from Allegan suggested a Winter Sports Park which features snow tubing and tobogganing. He said, "I've been to Echo Valley a few times and each time it was so much fun! I'm not a cold weather person but when you bundle up, what they have is a great time for you and the whole family or yourself and friends."

This brings back great childhood memories of my friends and I flying down hills on inner tubes in the snow. The goal was that the more times we went down

the runs we made, the more solid and icy they'd become and the faster and freer you would fly. It was the best of winter times in Northern CA where I lived when I was little.

I'd love to experience that again! I checked around and while I didn't find any local parks that feature tubing lanes and tobogganing runs, I found several just outside of Allegan County. And at some, you can even go night-tubing!

A winter sport enjoyed by Elizabeth from Gobles is Snow Snaking. She explained that "Snow Snake" is a traditional game played by throwing a "snake stick" down a snow path. Well that piqued my interest! She directed me to the Gun Lake Tribe [Facebook] page. I wanted to share this section from their event page that paints a good picture of the sport:

A Traditional Winter Game  
Snow Snake is a tradi-

tional Native American game played during the winter. Historically, it's been a game for men only – women weren't allowed to touch a man's Snow Snake and in some communities weren't even allowed to watch. It was considered a medicine game that lifted the spirits of the men during long winters, but our games today are mostly just for sport and to build camaraderie among both male and female players. Our games will be co-ed, all are welcome to compete.

To find out more and learn what a "Snow Snake" is, you can visit [gunlaketribe-nsn.gov](http://gunlaketribe-nsn.gov), scroll down to the calendar at the bottom of the page and click on the Snow Snake event shown on January 25<sup>th</sup>. They're hosting 'Snow Snake Games' on this day.

Elizabeth also suggested ice-skating adding that South Haven has a public ice-skating rink downtown. It's called the "South Haven Ice Rink," it's outdoors, and open from January 20<sup>th</sup> to

March 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can find all the information you need at [www.southhavenmi.com/ice-rink](http://www.southhavenmi.com/ice-rink). I loved their head-

ing paragraph:  
Welcome to the South Haven Ice Rink, a winter wonderland nestled at 546 Phoenix St. in South Haven, Michigan! The ice rink offers a delightful escape for individuals and families seeking frosty fun and invigorating outdoor activities.

Pam from Allegan mentioned "glow rides" at the Rise & Ride Ranch, a family-owned horse ranch in Allegan. They feature "Glow in the Dark Rides." The ride description reads:

Indulge in a feast of the senses as you ride into the night, guided by a "living lantern" illuminating the woodland trails. This truly unique experience, complete with our handcrafted glow tack, is an absolute must for every horse enthusiast. A chance to connect with nocturnal nature, a gentle giant, and maybe even a little bit

of magic!  
You can visit their website at [www.riseandrideranch.com](http://www.riseandrideranch.com). When I read their 'About' page sections it really moved me. The family is two sisters and their husbands and most of the horses are rescues. You can read the story behind each horse and then experience the life of love and happiness they have now ... "These rides are all about taking it easy—no trotting, cantering, or galloping. Our rescue horses love their chill jobs".

Jan from Holland says, "Sleigh rides at the Wild West Ranch in Fennville." Who wouldn't love a sleigh ride? Coincidentally, Wild West Ranch is who accommodates the sleigh rides I mentioned in my article published in December about the Kingsley House Bed and Breakfast. You can find more information about Wild West Ranch at [4horsiderides.com](http://4horsiderides.com).

Kathy from Plainwell said, "some go skiing at Bittersweet or Timber Ridge." Bittersweet Resort is in Otsego. An excerpt from their website, [skibittersweet.com](http://skibittersweet.com), reads:

With a 350-foot vertical, 20 runs, 6 chairs lifts (2 of which are high speed lifts), 3 wonder carpets, and 2 rope tows, Bittersweet is the perfect place to spend the day and play in the snow!

And the last very interesting mention is "the snowmobile club." I believe she is referring to the Allegan County Snowmobile & ORV Association. You can visit their website at [acsorva.com](http://acsorva.com). They also have a Facebook page that displays their many public events. I'm hoping to speak to and write more in depth about them and the sport next week. But for now, as Pat says, "trails are groomed and lots of people are using them for getting out and having fun."



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Community Calendar - Week of Jan. 13, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

**Nonprofit Leaders:** If you missed the Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> deadline to register for the Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> Leader Lunch & Learn, please contact [MACC@alleganfoundation.org](mailto:MACC@alleganfoundation.org) immediately.

**Fri., Jan. 24, 2025, 2-4pm: Peanut Butter Drive Milk & Cookie Kickoff**  
ACCF Office in the old City Hall on Locust Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

**Wed., Jan. 22, 2025: Fun at the Library**  
Children 0-2 can read, sing and learn for fun.  
**10am: Play Café** – Caregivers can enjoy a cup of coffee while the little ones have fun.  
**4pm: Live Birds of Prey with the Outdoor Discovery Center** - The birds will be used to share their life history and information about Michigan habitats. Birds will be walked around or brought out after the presentation for viewing. Register at 269 673-4625.

**Wed., Jan. 22, 2025, 2:30-4pm: Heart Health**  
Friends on Wednesday will meet in the Michigan Room at Ascension Borgess Allegan to talk with cardiologist Dr. Veera Kotaru. The session will begin with refreshments. All are invited.

**Thurs., Jan. 23, 2025, 10:30am: Preschool Story time**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
Enjoy stories and activities.

**Thurs., Jan. 23, 2025, 6:30-8pm: Music Bingo Thursdays**  
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**Fri., Jan. 25, 2025, 2-4pm: Peanut Butter Drive Milk & Cookies Kickoff**  
Allegan County Community Foundation Locust St. Allegan  
Crop into the ACCF office and help get the 2025 Peanut Butter Drive off to a great start with a Cookies & Milk Break. Learn about the Allegan County Food Pantry Collaborative and how to donate to the peanut butter drive. The Drive ends Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Fri., Jan. 24, 2025, 6-8pm: Intro to Calligraphy**  
Cottage Arts & Eats 245 Hubbard St. Allegan  
Learn modern calligraphy from holding the pen to strokes, and tips on techniques. Register with Lori at [cottageartsandeats@gmail.com](mailto:cottageartsandeats@gmail.com).

**Sat., Jan. 25, 2025, 11am: Jumpstart Your Genealogy**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
Professional genealogist Megan Heyl is back to help us hunt down and organize our family histories.

**Sat., Jan. 25, 2025, 11am-1pm: Mini Makers Workshop**  
Cottage Arts & Eats 245 Hubbard St. Allegan  
5-9yr. old children can use their imagination to be creative when engaging in age-appropriate art and craft project. Register with Lori at [cottageartsandeats@gmail.com](mailto:cottageartsandeats@gmail.com).

**Sat., Jan. 25, 2025, 2-5pm: Zentangle Clas with Watercolor**  
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Class 1 of 3 to explore the calming art of Zentangle. The instructor will guide participants through blending colors, layering patterns, and creating intricate designs that are both unique and therapeutic. Register with Lori at [cottageartsandeats@gmail.com](mailto:cottageartsandeats@gmail.com).

**Sun., Jan. 26, 2025, 2-4pm: Cabin Fever Reliever 2025 – 4 Mini Concerts**  
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K’zoo Folklife/Allegan Chapter & the City of Allegan welcome all to enjoy Mathew Borr of Kalamazoo, Dave & Connie of Allegan, Mardi Peters of Kalamazoo, and John West & Char Wiltrakis of Allegan. Beer, wine and other refreshments will be available. Donations will be accepted at the door.

**Mon., Jan. 27, 2025: Fun at the Library**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
**1pm: Craft & Snack.** Bring your own project and enjoy snacking and chatting.  
**6pm: BINGO.** Bring the family and win prizes. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Mon., Jan. 27, 2025, 5:30-9pm: Tilt Winter Pinball League**  
Tilt 118 Brady St. Allegan  
Every Monday – Kids play at 5:30pm and Adults play at 7pm.

**Tues., Jan 28, 2025: Fun at the Library**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
**10:30am: Lapsit Storytime.** 0-2 year olds can enjoy a story and activities.  
**1pm: Friends of the Library Meeting.** All are invited to drop in.

**Tues., Jan 28, 2025, 6pm: Euchre Tournament**  
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan  
Sign up as a team or individual on Tantrick’s Facebook page, and play to win gift cards. Proceeds with go to a local non-profit.

**Wed., Jan. 29, 2025, 2-4pm: Food Addicts Anonymous**  
Friends on Wednesday 200 Cutler St. Allegan  
The FAA representatives will define food addiction, the symptoms, and the experiences of food addiction. All are invited.

**Wed., Jan. 29, 2025: Fun at the Library**  
**4pm: Teen Japanese Stab Art Book Binding.** Students 5-12 grades can learn to do classic bookbinding with help from the Kalamazoo Book Arts. Register at 269 673-4625.

**Thurs., Jan. 30, 2025: Fun at the Library**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
**10:30am: Preschool Storytime.** Ages 2-5 can drop in to enjoy stories and activities.  
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**Thurs., Jan. 30, 2025, 12-2pm: Leader Lunch & Learn**  
The LYNX Golf Course M-89 Otsego,  
Non-profit organization leaders and teams are invited to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Leader Lunch & Learn sponsored by the MACC (Multi-Agency Collaborative Council). Along with lunch, there will be a speaker from the Michigan League for Public Policy. Tickets must be purchased by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> for \$15 or email [MACCAalleganfoundation.org](mailto:MACCAalleganfoundation.org) for assistance with costs.

**Thurs., Jan 30, 2025, 3-6pm: Walk-In DIY Sassy Shirt Bar**  
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Choose a shirt, pick a design and press it on the spot.

**Thurs., Jan. 30, 2025, 6:30-8pm: Music Bingo Thursdays**  
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**Fri., Jan. 31, 2025, 10:30am: Sing Song Family Yoga & Literacy**  
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**Fri., Jan. 31, 2025, 5-8pm: Silhouette Board Painting**  
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**Thurs., Feb. 6, 2025, 11:30am-1pm: Connect Chamber Women’s Event**  
Railside Pavillion 2500 76<sup>th</sup> St. SW Byron Center  
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**Fri., Feb. 7, 2025, 10am & 2pm: Tuck Everlasting**  
Wayland Union HS Theater Wayland  
Come and see the High School Theater Department bring the beloved book by Natalie Babbitt to the stage thanks to the adaptation by Mark Frattaroli. Tickets online or at the door \$6. Wufacticket8.ludus.com

**Fri., Feb. 7, 2025, 7pm: Tuck Everlasting**  
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**Sat., Feb. 8, 2025, 10am-5pm: Downtown Plainwell Chocolate Stroll**  
Downtown Plainwell Main Streets  
The City of Plainwell organized this chocolate themed event includes an Indoor Market along with chocolate treats with purchases, restaurant specials, and specialty drinks for the Social District.

**Sun., Feb. 9, 2025, 8am-Noon: Pancake Breakfast**  
Fennville Area Fire Department 599 W Fennville St. Fennville  
Come for a wonderful breakfast that will be served by donation only.

**Sun., Feb. 9, 2025, 2-4pm: Clarke, Meadow & Reed**  
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan  
A Cabin Fever Reliever 2025 Concert. The concert is free. Refreshment & alcoholic beverages will be available from the City of Allegan.

**Fri., Feb. 14, 2024, 6:30-9:30pm: Death of a Ganster**  
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**Sun., Feb. 16, 2025, 2-4pm: Cabin Fever Reliever 2025 – Winter Concert Series**  
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan  
K’zoo Folklife/Allegan Chapter & the City of Allegan welcome all to enjoy Clarke, Meadow & Reed. Beer, wine and other refreshments will be available. Donations will be accepted at the door.

**Wed., Feb. 26, 2025, 6-8pm: Wine & Canvas**  
LYNX Golf Course 700 M-89 Otsego  
The Grill will be open during this event.

**Sun., Mar. 2, 2025, 2-4pm: Cabin Fever Reliever 2025 - Great Lakes Brass**  
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan

K’zoo Folklife/Allegan Chapter & the City of Allegan welcome all to enjoy Great Lakes Brass. Beer, wine and other refreshments will be available. Donations will be accepted at the door.

**Mar. 8, 2025: Mardi Gras Fundraiser**  
Rotary (Jamie)

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LYNX Golf Course 900 M-89 Otsego  
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**Sun., Mar. 9, 2025, 8am-Noon: Pancake Breakfast**  
Fennville Area Fire Department 599 W Fennville St. Fennville  
Come for a wonderful breakfast that will be served by donation only.

**Wed., Mar. 19, 2025: 2025 Volunteer Fair**  
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10am – organizations set up; 11-12 – lunch for organizations; 12-2pm -public is welcome to meet with participating organizations. Grant drawings and participant tote bags will be available.

**Mar. 26, 2025, 11am: Allegan Co. CHNA Results**  
This online /virtual event is open to all and will share the results of the Allegan County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). It is

**Sun., Apr. 13, 2025, 2-4pm: Cabin Fever Reliever 2025 - Ellis & M.E.**  
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan  
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**Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living**  
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108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080  
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**The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities**  
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841  
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**Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies Diaper Closet – monthly diaper program**  
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan  
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

**Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance**  
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**Community Clothes Closet – Free Clothing and More**  
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# Generational businesses thrive in Allegan

By Gari Voss

Allegan, Michigan lies in Southwest Michigan and has been known for being the county seat of Allegan County since 1835. The name was promoted by Henry Schoolcraft who had studied the native Americans in the area. Though the area was mapped 1831, Allegan County was not officially organized until 1835. At that time, Allegan was denoted county seat because of its source for water power and its accessibility to Lake Michigan thanks to the Kalamazoo River that could handle steamboat traffic.

Over the years, Allegan has been supported by numerous companies and businesses catering to the needs of citizens since pioneer days. The lumber businesses and even the many family farms have faded into history, but the area continues to be supported by a host of “Anchor” businesses.

As a current reader inquired, “Can an article showcase companies that have thrived in Allegan through multiple generations. Companies like Waanders, Wray’s, Rapa, Armintrout, and Cooks are a few that come to mind. These

companies have supported the communities they are in for many years and deserve some recognition.”

Over the weeks, the companies and businesses suggested will be examined, but a single article would not do them justice. An examination of Wray’s Septic was done when they were named Best in the County. Rapa Electric has served businesses and individuals for well over 50 years. Armintrout Nursery, Inc. began back in the 1930s. And the list goes on.

What makes a business thrive through the generations? This question has been explored by schools of business around the world. Some studies name 6 qualities, others name eight or ten or twelve, but the number does not matter as much as the fact that they endure through the generations and continue to serve their clientele.

One fact is agreed upon... family businesses are the cornerstone of most national economies. Suisse Research stated, “They can create jobs, spur innovation, and drive superior returns. Their success depends upon good governance, identifying and developing both family and non-family talent,

pursuing disciplined succession, and preserving family gravity.”

“Family gravity” is comprised of a value system that unites members around a common framework. Add a vision system for the future which is defined and communicated over time. Then there is the involvement of family members who clarify the vision by sharing information. This builds cohesion and interaction with mutual understanding, respect and support. The communication forms the family governance that is established and retains talent. When communication is strong, the development of leadership principles and clearly defined roles for operation follow.

Consequently, an important aspect of family business falls under the category “Communication”. Walden University explained this phenomenon as families having “their own way of communication”. There are a variety of conventions, but they all rely on open, regular communication that express not only success but problems so they can be confronted immediately. If the problem is extensive, even a family business may call upon an outside consultant or a colleague.

There is an evolution in all successful businesses. In order to achieve longevity, success comes with identifying changes in the wants of the customers, new materials that are available, and continual “education” in the newest technology or product. A family must listen and watch while trusting the “younger” generation that may bring the most current trends.

While communication is absolutely necessary to keep a business solvent, there must be boundaries set that separate business and family time. Family issues cannot be allowed to encroach on business time, and business issues cannot be allowed to interrupt quality family time.

As with other successful businesses, good governance must be practiced. That is the involvement of leaders inside and outside of the “family”. Examining thriving businesses, studies found that a professional, advisory, or supervisory

board was comprised of family and non-family members. Some “boards” thrive with family members who stay immersed in their associations and so-licit the ideas of employees. However it is structured, the “board” must continually be immersed in the “industry” and its changes over time.

Most family businesses require employees who are non-family members. When filling positions, the family leadership team seeks staff/workers who have skills that family members do not have or have skills to carry out assignments with the same passion and precision as a family member. That is where research discovered the treatment of employees like “family members” comes into play. Employee skills and suggestions are valued.

Though parents and/or grandparents may want the youngsters to walk in their shoes, experience has shown that family members should not be pushed or

guilted into joining the business. The decision must be completely up to the family members so the passion for the business moves forward with the employees and leadership.

Finally, a family business begins with an idea and passion, but every industry changes over time. This change occurs in the “product or service” along with the talents and skills of the employees. All family members and employees must be invested in the company to ensure excellent leadership in the future. Knowledge and development of the product and leadership over time must receive constant attention.

As an investigation of Allegan companies progresses, the progression of a business from its roots to 2025 will open new insights into how and why these companies are the backbone of the Allegan area. Note: Suggestions for family businesses and/or companies that have served the area for 50-60 years are welcome.

## Kruegar, efficient minded clerk, passes

By John Raffel  
Correspondent

ALLEGAN — Former county commission chairman James Storey reported that one of the innovators in delivering service

to county residents, retired county clerk and register of deeds, Daniel Kruegar passed away in late December.

At the conclusion of Kruegar’s funeral ser-

vice, the local funeral director stepped to the microphone to laud Kruegar for modernizing the issuance of death certificates which, in turn, improved the service offered by his business.

Kruegar was a pioneering advocate for other improvements such as converting court records and proceedings to digital, rather than paper, functions.

He efficiently operated his office from four locations throughout the county, including the circuit court records function in Grand Haven, the clerk-register of deeds at Ottawa’s Fillmore complex in West Olive,

and two branch offices in Holland and Hudsonville.

Kruegar was Ottawa’s County clerk for 38 years.

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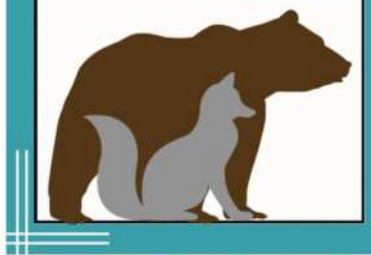
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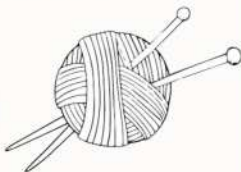
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VIEWPOINTS

Trump made many promises, not let’s see if he can fulfill them

Welcome to the greatest political comeback ever recorded. America has gotten the president they wanted, and Trump has chosen the cabinet he wanted, and now it’s time to get down to business and make sure the promise that were made during the campaign are fulfilled.

Here’s a partial list of what needs to be done:

First and foremost, because it affects ordinary citizens more than anything else, is the high cost of goods available for purchase. Yes, inflation has come down, but the cost of groceries and gas has not.

I just went to the grocery store and spent \$200. I came home and realized the same groceries could have been purchased four years ago for \$150 or less. AAA says the price of gas is 15 to 20 cents higher than last year, and of course four years ago instead of \$3.15 a gallon we were paying slightly over \$2 a gallon.

Interest rates remain high because the Fed is still concerned, we haven’t curbed spending. Just last week mortgage rates went up above \$7 percent, not down like most people expected.

Of course, all those is tied to campaign promise number two- as Trump would say, “drill baby, drill.” Environmentalists and climate change advocates have had their way in the Biden administration, stopping the Keystone Pipeline and limiting offshore drilling. America just four years ago was supplying energy to nations all over the world, now we are purchasing from despot regime likes Venezuela.

The change was made in favor of windmills and huge solar farms. Green energy was considered favorable to oil and gas and nuclear. The latter is the most efficient clean energy we can provide, and I would hope the new administration would subsidize the building of new nuclear plants.

This said, providing our own energy (the reserves beneath us are the most in the world) will drive down prices, inflation and interest rates. It’s a no-brainer to many middle-class Americans, but to the elites who prefer windmills, solar and electric cars- well, they could care less about the cost of goods or gas.

Trump’s victory can also be attributed to the



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porous border. Biden and his henchman Mayorkas allowed millions of illegals to pour into our country, putting tremendous strains on public schools, law enforcement and city services. Trump has vowed to round up many of these illegals and return them to their native countries. Additionally, they plan to shut down the border, resume building the wall and the “stay in Mexico” policy. If you believe his border czar Tom Holman, that has already begun. We shall see how effective they are.

Trump has also said he will end the war in Ukraine. I’ve advocated for this for a long time. We have spent far too much money propping up Ukraine to what war hawks say is an imperialistic Russia hellbent on conquering Europe. I don’t see it that way. I would rather spend the billions to help Americans. Let Ukraine, Russia and Europe settle their differences. Trump has signaled an end to funding the war. I hope he means it.

Trump has made many other campaign promises as well like getting the federal budget under control. Again, that affects you and I and must be accomplished.

As with every president, I wish them well. With Trump “well” is even more important. He has survived two assassination attempts, and numerous criminal and civil lawsuits. No doubt, he is a survivor. I hope he is the “cat with nine lives,” can survive any more assassination attempts, and is able to work to fulfill his campaign promises.

Life as Performance Art

Only the Olds will remember the chart above the blackboard in every fourth grade classroom across the nation. It was the alphabet, both capitals and lower-case letters, in cursive. It was bad enough having to learn how to print; now that we were big kids, we had to learn to write. Our efforts were meant to look just like the letters on the chart, but most of us could never manage it. Sometimes, to spur us on to plu-perfect penmanship, an Old would give us a Woolworth’s pen and pencil set for our birthday or some other milestone event.

Keep those hideous thoughts of learning how to write cursive in mind. We’ll get back to it in no time, and then you can move on to something else.

About the time I was learning cursive, there was a brief period when I was convinced I really wanted to become an archeologist like Howard Carter. He was the fellow who discovered King Tut’s tomb after years of digging through parts of the Valley of the Kings in Egypt. It looked exciting, challenging, and fun. So did an article in the Reader’s Digest about some place in eastern Canada where a vast buried treasure was waiting to be found. Apparently, I wasn’t the only one interested, because the Lagina Brothers got there first.

That same excitement returned twenty years ago when we ran into the niece of Hiram Bingham, the fellow who discovered Machu Pichu in Peru, and parlayed that into a tenured position at Yale and then election to the US Senate. A good friend loaned us a copy of a National Geographic magazine from 1911 where he wrote about his adventures.

There are still television programs about archeologists and the work they do in Egypt and around the world. What is shown on television is far from the reality of the work. A lot of it is tedious, boring, and often done in uncomfortable and miserable places renowned for scorpions, deadly snakes, and malaria-bearing mosquitoes.

My sister’s frequent news-laden e-mails and telephone calls have made



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the makings for so much as the ubiquitous fifth-grade first-day-back-to-school “theme” on ‘How I Spent my Summer.’ In cursive, of course.

Only the rarest of archeologists are able to go off to faraway places with strange sounding names to discover museum quality stuff that might help rewrite history. Most university students with a degree in archeology scramble to get a job with a firm of civil engineers or construction crew to do site work before construction begins.

That may sound a bit odd, but before erecting a new building or building a bridge or much of anything else, care has to be taken to make sure that important icons of the past are not lost forever. That is what happened with Richard III of England. After he was killed in battle in 1485, his body was unceremoniously dumped into an unmarked grave, and a couple of centuries later, paved over to make a parking lot. A couple of years they found him again, and with great ceremony, buried in him a more appropriate spot.

Today, careful archeological work is now required to make sure that no sacred artifacts, especially human remains, of the indigenous people are disturbed or mistreated. Anything found in their digs adds one more piece of information about those who came before us, and that is important for all of us. So is treating the relic with respect.

As “Indiana Jones” pointed out to his students, most archeological work

happens in the libraries and research centers, not out in the field. That is where you and I come in, especially if you are one of the Olds who had to learn cursive writing back in school and can still read it. Your local historical society, museum, maybe the library needs you. Ox-Bow School of the Arts needs you to go through boxes of documents, memoirs, and diaries dating back to 1910. Most of it is handwritten.

Or, go big! Uncle Sam’s National Archives needs you. Strewn throughout all of their libraries and warehouses are long lines of shelves laden with countless boxes of documents that they collected over the centuries. Some of it is sitting in the same place where they put it years ago. Most of the papers are handwritten in cursive. It is a potential treasure trove of information about our common past. If you can read cursive, he National Archives needs you. The good news is that much of this work can be done online.

To get started, go to the National Archives website at [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov). From there, find the Citizen Archivist Dashboard and start your adventure by exploring it until you arrive at the National Archives Catalogue. After that, select an area of interest.

For example, would you like to work your way through some of the Revolutionary War Pension File Transcripts? That might seem about as exciting is slowly digging through my great-grandfather’s stone outhouse, until you realize that the soldiers who earned those pensions used their money to build their businesses, move west into the Ohio Valley to buy land to start their farms. In short, you are working on the history of the Westward Movement of our country.

That is just one of many areas where you could put your cursive skills to good use. And while you are at it, have a smug smile that we Olds are doing something most of the youngsters cannot do. Not only can we read and write in cursive, we know how to use a rotary phone or change television channels without relying on a remote!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to reader’s letter

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the editorial by Mr. William A. Geresy. His facts are untrue. It is another example of misinformation, and an attempt to rewrite history.

Total misinformation that Speaker Newt Gingrich and the Republican party had anything to do with the economic success in the 90’s. The “Contract with America” was a failure and had nothing to do with the surplus that was created.

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 was responsible for the robust economy of the 90’s. It contained increased taxes in the

highest 1.2% of wage earners. It reduced taxes on the middle class, and increased the earned income tax credit for lower income citizens. These policies proved to be highly successful.

The vote on the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993: 219-213 in the House with zero votes coming from Republicans; Senate vote was 50-49 with zero Republicans voting for the bill which also included a no vote from Speaker of the House Gingrich. It was opposed because the rich were given a tax increase, similar to today’s

attitude of the Republican party.

Why should Republicans get credit that had 100% opposition. Mr. Gersey believes falsely that Speaker Gingrich somehow deserves credit. His time as Speaker had very few positives. The surplus did not last long as the next administration went back to deficit spending. Vice-President Cheney and President George W. Bush felt that deficit spending was good for the economy.

After the infrastructure bill was passed many Republicans who voted against the bill went to their citizens to

claim victory for new roads and bridges in their districts. How demeaning to voters.

It is time for Republicans to stop misinformation and trying to rewrite history. The attack on government on January 6th was not a friendly visit to the capitol that many Republicans are now professing. What a sickening development. Do not believe what a politician says publicly. It just may be the exact opposite of what they are saying in front of a camera. Sad, but that is presently the reality in politics.

Mark Austin

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Then Miss Wellwood, owner of the Home, stripped Neva of her identity.

On that day, Neva became “Fern.”

Though she was devastated – she just wanted everything normal again

The Bookworm Sez

“Witchcraft for Wayward Girls”

by Grady Hendrix

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

everything she read. There was help for Holly there, and revenge for Rose, Fern was sure.

And so, on a summer evening, the girls sneaked away to the woods, to a clearing by the trees. It was warm and moonlit, a fine night for casting a curse...

Scary?

Eh, not terribly so, but “Witchcraft for Wayward Girls” is definitely edgy, in a V. C. Andrews sort of way, like those kinds of adolescent-girl, witchy-occult paperback books from the ‘70s. Indeed, author Grady Hendrix sets this story directly in that time-frame, which gives it just the right vibe. It has its moments of hair-raising and it can lag

a little here and there, but like its forebears from fifty years ago, it’s mostly tame and mostly safe.

It’s also quite readable, with a cast of young women on the cusp of adulthood, paying for something that, historically, wouldn’t be shameful soon because feminism and new attitudes were on their way. Readers old enough to remember this time and this enduringly popular novel genre will be flush with nostalgia in this book.

Readers too young to remember: welcome to the fold.

Be aware of the content, and “Witchcraft for Wayward Girls” can be enjoyed by any horror-occult fan ages 16 and up. If you’ve been waiting for a book like this, you’re overdue.

All the books the Bookworm reviews here are available at the sponsor of this column:





OBITUARIES

JoAnne Dolhay, 78

JoAnne Dolhay of Kalamazoo, died on Monday, January 13, 2025 in her home. Born November 5th, 1946 in Allegan, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Dorothy Herpst. JoAnne's life was defined by her determination, quick wit, fierce sense of self, kindness, and unwavering love for her family. The fourth of seven children, JoAnne, graduated from Allegan High School. After high school, she attended cosmetology school and began a career as a beautician that spanned over fifty years and included owning her own salon. Her salon had a loyal customer base, due in large part to the environment JoAnne created. She decorated elaborately for each holiday, always had

a full candy bowl, and treated all her customers as friends. Also an avid artist, JoAnne loved to sew, knit, paint, and bake. She loved sequins and chocolate, often suggesting a recipe or pattern that called for them would benefit from the addition of more. Anything she did, she did well and with pizzazz. For family, this translated into the most elaborate three-tiered birthday cakes, a testament to her talent, giving spirit, and her love for her nieces and nephews. Something true for both family and friends alike, is that you always left JoAnne's home with more than what you came with. JoAnne is survived by her sisters, Gertrude (Don) Chappell of Allegan,

Dorothy (Dan) Vandervere of Bangor, and Susan (Tim) Mehlberg of Parma, OH; brothers, Roger (June) of Onaway and Joseph (Gail) of LaGrange, IN; twelve nieces and nephews; and a host of great-nieces and great-nephews. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert, her brother, Ron, and her nephew, Jason. JoAnne's wish was to be cremated with her ashes buried alongside her late husband. A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice, c/o the funeral home. Friends may leave a condolence message for the family at [www.joldersma-klein.com](http://www.joldersma-klein.com).

Robert Blake (Bob) Perrigo, 86

Robert Blake (Bob) Perrigo age 86, passed away peacefully with family at his side in Midland, MI on January 18, 2025.

Bob was born and raised in Allegan, Michigan, where he attended high school before pursuing higher education at Michigan State University and Western Michigan University, earning a degree in Business. His passion for both cars and business led him to begin his career at Ford Motor Company. In 1974, he took a leap of faith and purchased his first car dealership, relocating his family to Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Always an entrepreneur at heart, Bob expanded his ventures in 1980 by partnering in Apollo Oil & Gas Exploration Company. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bob was known for his sharp wit, engaging conversations, and an innate ability to make those around him feel valued. His warmth and kindness were evident from the moment you met him, making him someone people naturally gravitated toward. Bob was deeply loved and widely respected by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy of integrity, generosity, and laughter will be cherished forever.

Bob was a beloved son, brother, father, husband and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife of 66



Robert Blake Perrigo

years, Judith Perrigo; his daughters, Kim (Tim) Murray and Amy (Kevin) Roeder, and 5 grandchildren: Tyler (Ashley) Murray, Kate-lyn Murray England, Sydney (Marcus) Roeder Chenevix-Trench, Benjamin Roeder and Sophie Roeder. Bob also has 3 great grandchildren: Jaxon, Eloise and Miles Murray.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Paul Buchanan Perrigo; his mother, Carolyn Louise Perrigo; his brother, Richard Perrigo; and his daughter, Stefanie Perrigo Hill.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate team at Deer Run

Rehabilitation for their exceptional care, kindness and unwavering dedication. Your commitment to providing comfort, dignity and respect during this time will always be deeply appreciated.

A celebration of life on Bob's birthday will take place at 11 am on April 24, 2025 at Smith-Miner Funeral Home (2700 W. Wackerly St. in Midland, MI) with Pastor Donald Killey officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 10 am until time of service. He will be laid to rest at Oakwood Memorial Mausoleum in Saginaw.

In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Deer Run Rehabilitation in Midland, Michigan, in honor of Robert Perrigo.

Smith-Miner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Perrigo family: To share a special memory, please visit [www.smithminer.com](http://www.smithminer.com).

Peggy Lynn Shamblin, 70

Peggy Lynn Shamblin, 70, passed away January 16, 2025, after an extended period of illness. She was born November 24, 1954, to Paul & Lillian (Scott) Knapp of Pullman, Michigan. She was the youngest child, having two older siblings, Patrick Knapp and Brenda (Knapp) Laraway.

She graduated from Bloomingdale High School in 1973 and then worked for L. Perrigo Company for over 20 years. She is fondly remembered by many friends and family for her short height and her sweet, but feisty spirit. In her younger days, she loved dancing to her favorite tunes at weddings, social gatherings, or even while cleaning the house on a Saturday afternoon. In 2016, she reconnected with her special friend Lyle Linsemier, who became the love of her life. She spent her remaining years in quiet happiness with him.

Peggy was blessed with two daughters, Lisa Hunt and Brandy (Davis) Yntema; as well as three grandchildren, Kaun, Lily, and Neil. She is survived by her children and grandchildren; multiple nephews and their families; her beloved,



Peggy Lynn Shamblin

Lyle Linsemier, and many long-time friends. She was preceded in

death by her parents and siblings.

Services will be conducted at 12:00 PM on Friday, January 24, 2025, at the Terwilliger Funeral Home, in Kaleva. Visitation will take place from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Brethren Cemetery with a luncheon to follow.

The Terwilliger Funeral Home, in Kaleva, is in charge of arrangements. [www.terwilligerfuneralhome.com](http://www.terwilligerfuneralhome.com)

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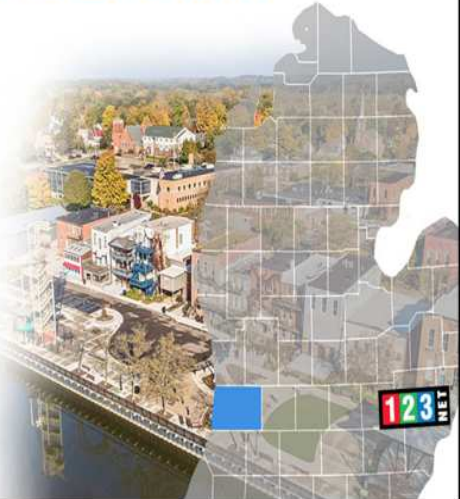
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# Faces in the crowd

By G C Stoppel

This week’s question: When Mr. Trump is inaugurated, are you going to watch?

Editor’s Note: This was written before President Trump’s inauguration which occurred last Monday.

-Man at a gas station M-89: “Yeah, but I work, so I’ll probably have to see later it on the news. On Fox, not some other network where all they’ll do is pick away at him.”

-Man with him: “Me and him will probably watch it at the bar along with some others. Should be a fun night.”

-Couple, same location: “We’ll see. I don’t know. I don’t know if we’ll have time to sit through it all. Maybe we’ll have to see just the highlights.”

-Woman near the Fennville Post Office: “I doubt it. I don’t think I’ll bother.”

-Woman near the Blue Goose: “Of course we’re going to watch it. I’m having some friends over to watch Trump take the Oath, and we’ll see the parade and everything else. We’ll have a little party. I think it will be day to remember.”

-Woman with her: “You are inviting me, I hope?” The first woman said she was.

-Older couple near the Allegan Public Library; Woman: “I don’t like Trump and we didn’t vote for him, but he is our president so, I think we should make a point to watch it.” Man: “I’m hoping he will

say something positive during his speech.”

-Man near A-Tech: “Naw. I can’t see much point in it. If something important happens, I’m sure I’ll find out. At least it isn’t interrupting a sports program.”

-Man near the Huntington Bank: “Yeah, I’m going to watch it. The first one I saw was back when Kennedy was inaugurated. The principal of our school brought in a television set so we could see it. I’ve seen everyone since.”

-Couple in front of the Allegan News office: Woman: “I guess we ought to be watching it, but he can’t see no point.” Man: “They [the Presidents] are all alike. Just as bad. You know how we thought Biden was honest. Now Zuck-erberg [owner of You Tube and Meta] said he

told him they couldn’t criticize the vaccine. How do you like that one for honesty?”

-Older man in front of Minnie’s: “You’re (\*&^%T right I’m watching it. We’re going to turn this country around once he takes the oath. I want to see it and then see how things’ll get turned around the right direction. No more of this woke stuff! If I could afford it, I’d be there in the crowd.”

-Man standing near him: “You can count me in on that, too. America First! That’s what I say. Charity begins at home when we look after our own first.”

-Older couple leaving the restaurant: Woman: “I heard that. We need to care about people. Maybe instead of all that!



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Complete specifications and bid forms are available at the Road Commission office and the Road Commission website [www.alleganroads.org](http://www.alleganroads.org) under the Projects link.

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Meeting Highlights  
January 6th, 2025 at 7:30pm

1. Approve minutes for December 2nd, December 12th and December 19th meetings
  2. Updates from Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals
  3. Update from County Commissioner, Scott Beltman
  4. 2023 Annual report from County Clerk, Bob Genetski
  5. 2024 Annual report from Allegan County Legal Assistance Center
  6. Approve payment of bills from General fund in the amount of \$8,891.31
- Michelle Waite  
Allegan Township Clerk

## CITY OF WAYLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Planning Commission

- Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission of the City of Wayland shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of deliberating the following items on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Wayland City Hall, 103 S. Main Street, Wayland, MI 49348.
1. Application from 135th Avenue Development, LLC, owner of 1134 W. Superior Street, also known as Permanent Parcel 03-56-800-003-00 to rezone said properties from the B-2 Commercial District to a mixed use commercial-residential PUD per Section 20-563. Said property is legally described as LOT 3 SUPERIOR COMMERCIAL SITES SEC 6 T3N R11W.
  2. Consideration of amending Article XIX of the City of Wayland Zoning Ordinance in its entirety to reorganize, clarify and update regulations for Signs within the City of Wayland.
  3. Any other such business as comes legally before the Planning Commission.

A copy of the application and related materials are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for City residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the petition. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission Chair at Wayland City Hall, 103 S. Main Street, Wayland, MI 49348 or by calling City Hall at 269-792-2265. All written comments must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify City Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

CITY OF WAYLAND PLANNING COMMISSION  
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# Otsego's Lane Blanchard joins dad in 100-win club

**BY JASON WESSELDYK  
SPORTS EDITOR**

Like father, like son.

That age-old adage certainly holds true for the Otsego father-son duo of Jesse and Lane Blanchard when it comes to the wrestling mats.

During the Three Rivers Super Duals earlier this month, Lane Blanchard—a junior at Otsego High School—joined his dad in the exclusive 100-win club.

Jesse Blanchard, who reached 100 victories during his senior year at Otsego in the early 2000s, said watching his son accomplish the feat was special.

"It was much more satisfying to see Lane reach 100 varsity wins than achieving it myself," Jesse said. "He works hard and does things the right way. Lane made the decision to bump up a weight class to take on a highly ranked, undefeated wrestler for his 100<sup>th</sup> win to push himself and get prepared for the postseason.

"I think that it is very special for us to both share the honor of winning at least 100 matches. There can't be too many other Otsego wrestlers that can say that they have achieved 100 wins as father and son."

Lane was excited to share this honor with this dad ... especially since he did it a little earlier in his career.

"It feels great to share this with my dad because of how competitive we are," Lane said. "And the fact that I achieved my 100<sup>th</sup> win a year sooner than he did is nice, too."

Brandy Blanchard—Jesse's wife and Lane's mom—said wrestling has been a source of bonding for Lane and Jesse.

"Watching Lane earn his 100<sup>th</sup> win was better than I could have ever expected," she said. "He has put so much work in over the years, but he has worked especially hard this last year. We are very proud of his commitment to the sport and can't wait to see where it takes him.

"Getting to see him enjoy this sport with his dad over the years has been so special and it just keeps getting better."

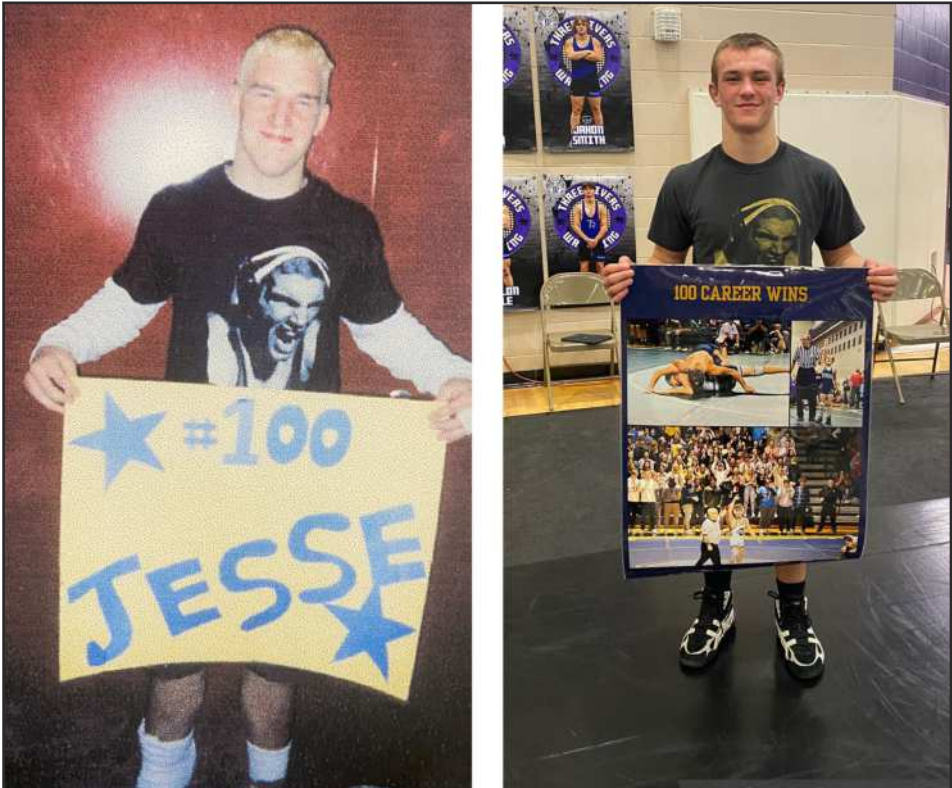
Deepening the connection between father and son is that they both wore the same T-shirt following their milestone wins.

That's right. Lane found the T-shirt Jesse wore on the day of his 100<sup>th</sup> win and decided to wear it for his special day.

"I was going through pictures with my dad and saw him in the shirt," Lane said. "So, I decided to wear it because it was always his favorite shirt and since we had matching shoes I figured I would wear the same shirt he did, too."

The shirt had been stored in the Blanchard's basement for years prior to Lane deciding to wear it.

"Having Lane wear the same shirt that I wore in high school the day that I recorded my 100<sup>th</sup> win was icing on the cake for me," Jesse said. "I could have never dreamed that it would work out the way that it did."



When Lane Blanchard (right) earned his 100<sup>th</sup> career win, he wore the same shirt as his dad Jesse when did when he won his 100<sup>th</sup> match. (Photo provided)

While he's excited about his special win, Lane said it is just one step on the road to what he hopes is even more success.

"It was a good milestone to hit, but I have other goals in mind," he said. "My goals for the rest of the season are to place in the top five at the (individual) state tournament."



## Fennville names Klenk new softball head coach

**BY JASON WESSELDYK  
SPORTS EDITOR**

FENNVILLE—When the high school softball season starts in a few months, Fennville High School will be under the leadership of a new head coach.

The Fennville athletic department announced on Wednesday, Jan. 15, that Merideth Klenk will take over the post following a three-year stint by Matthew Jefferson.

Klenk has experience coaching in the Fennville softball program, as well as previous experience at Hamilton High Schools. She also has coached travel softball with Michigan Storm Softball.

Klenk, a Hamilton graduate, has been at teacher in Fennville Public Schools since 2020. She is currently a kindergarten teacher at Fennville Elementary School.

"I am so excited for this opportunity to take over the Fennville softball program," Klenk said. "As a teacher and basketball coach in the community, I have established a love for not just the girls, academics and athletics, but also for our community as well."

Fennville athletic director Tony Stennett is excited to have Klenk leading the softball program.

"As a department, we are thrilled to announce Coach Klenk as our softball coach," he said. "Coach Klenk stood out throughout

the interview process as the right person to lead our softball program.

"She has a clear vision for the program, a passion for the girls she works with and for the Fennville community."

During her playing days at Hamilton, Klenk was an All-Conference standout on the diamond. Following her graduation, she continued her career at the collegiate level at Saginaw Valley State University.

At SVSU, Klenk was an outfielder and utility player on a team that won the GLIAC Tournament in the spring of 2017.

A 2020 graduate of SVSU, Klenk began as a student teacher in Fennville elementary and has been in the district ever since. She has worked at the third-grade level, is the Migrant Program Lead Teacher and is now a kindergarten teacher at FES.

"I am excited to work with all levels of the softball program, to establish a competitive, engaging, and softball-loving program," Klenk said. "I believe with my coaching and softball experience, along with my involvement with the community, we can build a program that our girls will thrive in. I am excited for this year and years to come."

Fennville starts their season with a home doubleheader against Bangor High School on March 21. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m.

## Clippers post comeback victory against Black River

**BY JASON WESSELDYK  
SPORTS EDITOR**

MARTIN—With its top two scorers limited to two combined points, the Martin girls basketball team needed someone to step up on the offensive end of the court in its game with Black River on Friday, Jan. 17.

That person was Anna Jager.

Jager scored a team-best nine points to go with nine rebounds and three assists to lead the Clippers to the 32-22 victory.

The win was the second straight for Martin (4-5) marking the first time this season the Clippers have won consecutive games.

"It's not often you win a game when your two leading scorers combine for two points, but our team has great depth," Martin coach Ben Schipper said. "With that depth, that leads to anyone being able to step up any night.

"Anna had a breakout game for us to lead us in scoring. She also had many key plays down the stretch."

Marybeth Ritchie and Kayden Jager added six points each. Ritchie also had a team-best 11 rebounds, while Kayden Jager tied for the team high in steals with five.

"Anna and Kayden ran our guard spots in the second half, putting a lot of pressure on the defense and getting good looks for their teammates," Schipper said.

Torryn Jager had a solid all-around game with five points, six rebounds and five steals. Avery Jager was limited to two points, but chipped in with seven rebounds, four assists and two blocks.

The Clippers started the game ice cold offensively, going to halftime down

16-10 after shooting 11 percent (4-of-36) shooting.

"We missed an incredible amount of shots underneath," Schipper said. "We were getting good looks, but we just could not make anything."

An 11-6 scoring edge in the third quarter narrowed Martin's deficit to 22-21.

And the defense was even better for the Clippers in the final frame, as they held Black River without a point while scoring 11 points to pull away.

A 3-pointer from Kayden Jager and four points from Torryn Harris highlighted the fourth quarter for Martin.

Schipper was pleased with the defense played against Black River's Sydni Smith in the second half. After Smith scored eight points in the opening half, she was limited to two points in the second half.

"Defensively, we wanted to make sure she never touched the ball in the second half," Schipper said. "We made some adjustments at half time and held her to only two points in the second half, which was a big key for us."

Offensive rebounding was also a key for Martin, which finished with 22 offensive boards.



Avery Jager handles the ball for Martin late in the Clippers' win over Black River. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)



## Martin honors 2019-20 girls basketball squad

The 2019-20 season was a special one for the Martin girls' basketball team.

The Clippers posted a 22-1 record that season, winning a SAC divisional championship and a district title along the way.

The team also won its regional semifinal game and was poised to host the regional final when the world was turned upside down by the start of the COVID pandemic.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association suspended and ultimately cancelled the remainder of the winter sports season, meaning that Martin squad never had closure for what was one of the best seasons in school history.

But following the Martin girls basketball game with Black River on Friday, Jan. 17, the Martin athletic department hosted a 5-year reunion for that 2019-20 squad, honoring the players for their accomplishments.

The celebration included a highlight video of the season and words written by coach Ben Schipper. Faith Guritz was also honored for surpassing the 1,000-point mark.



# Martin plays well in losing cause to Black River

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN—Success isn't always measured by the scoreboard.

According to Martin boys basketball coach Corby Callaway, his team's game against visiting Black River on Friday, Jan. 17, was one such occasion.

Because while the Clippers fell by a final score of 55-50, Callaway had nothing but praise for the effort he saw from his players.

"I'm just super proud of our guys and the way we competed out there tonight," Callaway said. "We've been dealing with a couple injuries and a couple guys missed multiple days this week due to illness. But we played our tails off."

"I told our guys after the game that it's hard to win and sometimes you do all the right things and still end

up on the wrong side of the scoreboard."

Gavin Meyers and Blake Sweeting had standout performances for Martin in the losing cause.

Meyers scored a team-topping 15 points. He also snagged seven rebounds, came up with six steals and doled out five assists.

Sweeting, meanwhile, secured a double-double with 14 points and a game-topping 14 points. As if that wasn't enough, he also finished with three blocked shots.

"Blake and Gavin continue to do so much for us," Callaway said. "Both of them made big plays all night."

Not that Meyers and Sweeting were the only Clippers who made solid contributions.

"Our bench gave us big minutes, too," Callaway said. The game started well enough for the Clippers. After holding a 14-6 scoring edge in the opening quar-

ter, Martin outscored Black River 13-10 in the second quarter to go to halftime up 27-16.

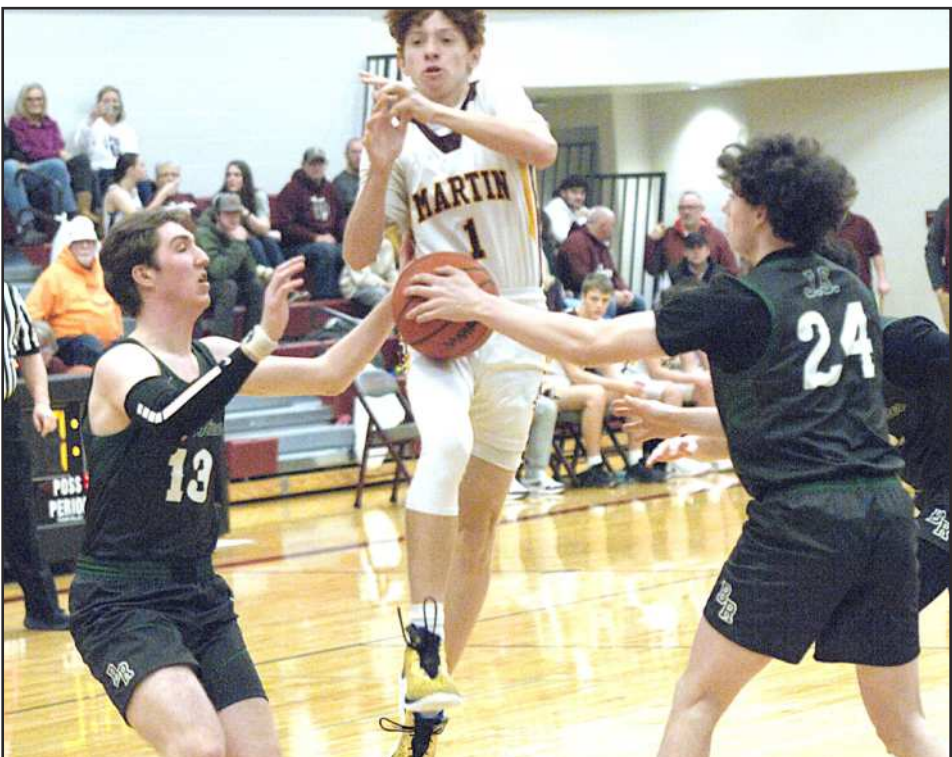
But Black River came out strong in the second half, using a 13-9 scoring advantage in the third frame to cut Martin's lead to 36-29.

The River Rats continued that momentum into the final frame, as they outscored the Clippers 26-14 to complete the comeback.

"Both teams, I thought, played very hard," Callaway said. "We battled all night."

And while he was pleased with the effort from his team, Callaway also made it clear that the expectations will remain high.

"We talked about expectations and now that we know they are capable of playing at this level, this is the baseline now," he said. "It only goes up from here."



Martin's Jason Marshall get caught between a pair of defenders. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

# Poor shooting hurts Saugatuck in loss against Gobles

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

GOBLES—A poor shooting night.

That's how first-year Saugatuck boys basketball coach Ty Rock summed up his team's SAC Central showdown against host Gobles on Friday, Jan. 17.

The Trailblazers were limited to two points—on a basket by Sam Bos—in the first quarter and never scored in double digits in any of the four quarters in suffering the loss by a final score of 47-27.

"There's really not a lot to say about this game," Rock said. "It was a poor shooting night, and that's the bottom line."

While Saugatuck struggled on the offensive end, Gobles started out white hot as the

Tigers scored 18 first-quarter points to take an 18-2 lead.

Carter Crippen led the way for Gobles in the opening stanza, going a perfect 6-for-6 at the charity stripe.

Saugatuck did somewhat better in the second quarter, holding a 7-3 scoring edge. But the Trailblazers still went to halftime down 21-9.

Carter Miller scored nine of his team-best 12 points in the second half for Saugatuck, but it wasn't enough to dig the Trailblazers out of their early hole.

Miller finished with two of the three triples knocked down by Saugatuck, with Sammy Gamboa accounting for the other. Gamboa was second on the team with seven points.

Misael Gamboa (four points), Bos (two points) and Jordan Hoshor (two points) rounded out the scoring for the Trailblazers.

The loss dropped Saugatuck to 3-8.

# Allegan falls to South Haven

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

SOUTH HAVEN—Too much Ly'Nique Cunningham.

Yep. That pretty much sums it up when it comes to the Allegan girls basketball team's game against host South Haven on Friday, Jan. 17.

Cunningham scored 27 points to account for nearly two-thirds of the Rams' offensive output as South Haven handed Allegan the 43-34 loss.

"It was a good battle between our two teams," Allegan coach Sharron Thompson said. "But in the end, the Rams came out on top."

Cunningham didn't wait long to set the tone for the game, scoring seven of her team's nine first-quarter points as South Haven took a 9-6 lead.

Cunningham added 10 points in the second quarter, before scoring six points in the third quarter and four points in the final frame.

That performance helped the Rams take leads of 24-12 at halftime and 37-21 at the end of the third stanza.

Allegan did hold a 13-6 scoring edge in the fourth

period, led by five points from Hayden Maka. But that wasn't enough to erase the deficit it was facing.

"We struggled a bit shooting early on and then came on late in the game to close the margin to 10 points," Thompson said. "But we just ran out of time."

Maka and Ellie Ziemelis tied for team-high scoring honors for the Tigers, with each netting nine points.

Maddie Antkoviak and Jayden VandenAkker added three points each.



Cass Stanberry goes up for a basket for Saugatuck. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)



Allegan girls basketball coach Sharron Thompson talks to his players during a recent game. (Photo provided)

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Trailblazers surge to victory over host Gobles



Saugatuck’s Kennedy Gustafson scored 14 points and led her team in rebounding in a win over Gobles. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

GOBLES—It was a battle of two of the top girls basketball teams in the SAC Central Division when Saugatuck traveled to Gobles on Friday, Jan. 17.

And for the first quarter, it appeared as though the game would be nip-and-tuck, as the Trailblazers clung to a razor-thin 8-7 lead.

But as is so often the case in life, appearances proved to be deceiving.

Saugatuck erupted for 19 points in the second quarter, while limiting the Tigers to four points. That gave the Trailblazers a 27-11 halftime lead.

Saugatuck carried that momentum into the second half, outscoring Gobles 24-15 over the final two quarters to secure the 50-26 victory.

The win was the second straight for the Trailblazers, who improved to 7-1 overall and 5-0 in divisional action.

Gobles, which entered the game tied for second in the SAC Central, slipped to 7-3 overall and 2-2 in the division.

“It was a good win and put a little distance between us and Gobles as we head into the second half of the season,” Saugatuck coach Kevin Tringali said.

Tali Laskowski led the offensive charge for Saugatuck, going for a game-high 19 points. She also led the team in assists.

Kennedy Gustafson, meanwhile, finished with 14 points in addition to leading the team in the rebounding department.

Maggie Loomis chipped in with a career-best 10 points to give Saugatuck a third double-digit scorer.

“I’m extremely proud of our team tonight,” Tringali said. “To be down a key player on the road against a good team and see all your kids step up is such a great sign.”

Tringali likes the way his team continues to evolve and players continue to step up when needed.

“We understand how important depth is,” he said. “Tonight junior Maggie Loomis and senior guard Sage Larson really played really well and gave our team great confidence moving forward.”

Otsego upends Paw Paw in Smalldon’s return to court

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

OTSEGO—After missing the first eight games of the season as the continued recovering from an injury, sophomore Brooke Smalldon made her season debut for the Otsego girls basketball team on Friday, Jan. 17.

She showed no signs of rust, as he appeared to already be in mid-season form.

Smalldon scored 14 points to go with seven rebounds—which led the team—and three assists as the Bulldogs bested Paw Paw 66-59.

“It was good to welcome back Brooke,” Otsego coach Tony Koshar said. “She looked like she hadn’t missed a beat.”

Smalldon’s point total was good for a second-place tie on the team with Audrey Lingbeek, who also doled out a team-best five assists.

“Audrey played another stellar floor game,” Koshar said.

Tessa Prough led the offensive charge for Otsego with 19 points. As—if not

more—importantly, Prough held Paw Paw All-State post player AJ Rickli to 17 points, which is close to 13 points below her season average.

The win upped Otsego’s record to 5-4, while Paw Paw slipped to 7-3.

“This was a good win for our girls against one of the preseason favorites in the conference,” Koshar said. “The girls have shown some incredible growth and showcased in this game.”

Otsego led 14-12 after one quarter but trailed 36-30 at the intermission.

Then came the third quarter, that saw the Bulldogs hold a 19-9 scoring edge to take a 49-45 lead.

A 3-pointer from Madden Fitzpatrick at the start of the third quarter started the run for Otsego before the Bulldogs came up with a steal on the ensuing Paw Paw possession and converted on a layup.

“From there, our girls basically took over,” Koshar said.

Otsego extended the team to as many as 14 points at

62-48 before settling for the 7-point victory.

And while the trio of Prough, Smalldon and Lingbeek did the bulk of the scoring for Otsego, they were far from the only contributors to the win.

“I would be remiss not to mention the rest of the girls who all had big contributions during the game,” Koshar said. “Reagan and Mya Engbers helped play that great defense on Rickli while also contributing some nice scoring.”

“Fitzpatrick, Olivia Hildebrand, Allie Proctor and Peyton Johnson all contributed with some stellar ball handling and doing a great job defensively on (Paw Paw’s) All-Conference guards Grace Mitchell and Stella Schafer.”

With the season nearing the halfway point, Koshar is pleased with the progress he has seen from his young squad.

“The girls are really buying in and staying together,” he said. “We could become a really dangerous team here down the stretch.”



Reagan Engbers (4) handles the ball for Otsego in a recent game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Hamilton wrestlers compete at tournament in Lowell

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

LOWELL—In a tournament that featured some of the top boys wrestling teams in the state, Hamilton finished with a 2-1 record at the Gary Rivers Memorial Duals in Lowell on Saturday, Jan. 18.

The Hawkeyes, who dropped their first match to Rockford by a paper-thin 37-36 margin, won its final two matches to place fifth.

Hamilton bested Anchor Bay 69-12 and Bay City John Glenn 35-32.

“We are very happy with the way we performed,” Hamilton coach Trenton Holyfield said. “As a coach, I couldn’t ask for much more from these kids. They are battle tested. I’m super proud of them.”

Jake Case was one of six Hamilton wrestlers to go 3-0 for the day, doing so at 165 pounds. That moved his record to 33-0.

“Jake is also approaching 150 career wins,” Holyfield said. “Jake looks to be just the eighth wrestler in Hamilton wrestling history to reach the 150-win club.”

Teammate Malachi Kapenga joined the 150-win club earlier this season. Kapenga also went 3-0 for the day, wrestling at 138 pounds.

The other four Hawkeyes to go 3-0 were Chase Morrison (120 pounds), Bryce Morrison (150 pounds), Tyler Block (165 pounds) and Shane Dams (215 pounds).

As a team, Hamilton moved to 23-4 in duals.

Also on Saturday, Hamilton’s girls competed at Hopkins. Korra Kapenga finished 5-0 to take first place in her weight class.

Ana Ruggles (3-1), Alyssa Volkers (3-1) and Ally Pelon (2-1) each took runner-up in their respective divisions.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, the Hamilton boys hosted a league meet, besting Spring Lake 69-12 and Middleville 54-18.

Going 2-0 for the evening were Weston Geerlings at 106; Turner VanWieren at 120; Chase Morrison at 126; Mathew Fales at 132; Malachi Kapenga at 144; Bryce Morrison at 150; Trace Lopez at 157; Chase at 165; and Dams at 215.

Allegan boys bowling team beats Saugatuck

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Allegan boys bowling team made it two wins in a row in SAC competition.

After beating Gobles the previous week, the Tigers bested Saugatuck 19-11 on Thursday, January 16.

The teams split the first Baker game, with Allegan

going on to win the second Baker game. It marked the Tigers high-scoring Baker game of the season.

The team also scored big in the two individual games. Levi Creguer led the Tigers in both individual matchups with scores of 184 and 212.

Adrian Dulac also had a personal-best score of 164 in game one.

Girls Basketball Results

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

Fennville 29 Watervliet 39

Ceeley Howard turned in a strong performance for the Fennville girls basketball team in its SAC showdown with Watervliet on Friday, Jan. 17.

Howard finished with 14 points and seven rebounds, both of which led the Blackhawks.

But that wasn’t quite enough to translate into a win, as Fennville dropped the 39-29 decision to the Panthers.

Amiyah Johnson added seven points and five steals in the losing cause.

Fennville trailed 9-7 after one quarter, 24-16 at halftime and 32-20 after three quarters.

**Hopkins 42 Belding 54**

Ana VanderVeen and Cora Hall combined to score 27 points in Hopkins’ contest with Belding on Friday, Jan. 17.

That was the good news for the Vikings.

The bad news was that, despite that solid showing from VanderVeen and Hall, Belding still prevailed by a final score of 54-42.

VanderVeen led Hopkins with 14 points, while Hall was one point behind at 13.

Reegan Helderop chipped in with five points.



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Allegan County is requesting a total of \$2,319,517 through the following funding program(s):

| Funding Source(s)                       | Operating Amount | Capital Amount Per Project | Total Amount |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| State Formula Operating                 | \$765,952        | N/A                        | \$765,952    |
| Federal Sec 5311 Operating              | \$450,715        | N/A                        | \$450,715    |
| Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute | \$102,300        | N/A                        | \$102,300    |
| Section 5317 New Freedom Program        | N/A              | Mobility Management        | \$ 62,500    |
| Surface Transportation Program (STP)    | N/A              | Equipment & Facility       | \$ 40,800    |
| SEC 5339 - Bus and Bus Facilities       | N/A              | Buses                      | \$897,250    |
|                                         |                  |                            | \$2,319,517  |

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The proposed application is on file at Allegan County Transportation, 750 Airway Drive, Allegan, MI 49010, and may be reviewed during a 30-day period (January 23, 2025 – February 23, 2025), between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or on the web at [www.allegancounty.org/transportation](http://www.allegancounty.org/transportation) . Click “Policies & Applications”.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by February 23, 2025. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time, and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be sent to Allegan County Transportation, 750 Airway Drive, Allegan, MI 49010 or by email to [Transportation@allegancounty.org](mailto:Transportation@allegancounty.org)



PUBLIC NOTICES

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Date of Mortgage: August 26, 2015  
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v  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN  
WALTER P. ALEXANDER, Plaintiff.  
v  
FRANK W. WEBER and LULU WEBER, DECEASED, and THEIR HEIRS and ASSIGNS, Defendants.  
Donald H. Passenger (P93384)  
Joseph J. Grzybowski (P52684)  
Passenger Law PLLC  
Attorneys for Defendant  
1555 Arborium Drive, SE, Suite 101  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
(616) 965-7557  
dp@donplaw.com  
joegriz.dp@gmail.com  
Asst. jd@donplaw.com  
SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
Plaintiff may serve process on Defendant by publishing the following notice once each week for a period of three consecutive weeks in a newspaper, as defined in MCR 2.106(F), that is published in Allegan County with the following content:  
"Attention: HEIRS and ASSIGNS of FRANK W. WEBER and LULU WEBER (the Defendants) with respect to a property on 120th Avenue, Allegan, Michigan 49010 (the Property), legally described as: E 1/2 of S 50 A W 1/2 SW 4 SEC 8 T2N  
R12W, Allegan County, Michigan.  
An action to quiet title to the property against the above Defendants in the name of Walter Alexander, Plaintiff, as successor to Walter P. Alexander, has been filed in Allegan County Circuit Court. Unless a person claiming an interest in the Property takes action to respond to the complaint filed in this case, then all rights of any such person(s) hold in the Property will be forever barred. To receive a copy of the summons and complaint in the matter, please contact Donald H. Passenger of Passenger Law PLLC, 1555 Arborium Dr, Ste 101, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, dp@donplaw.com, and/or 616-965-7557, and provide an answer to the complaint within twenty-eight days after the last publication of this notice."  
This notice is to be published on three consecutive weeks (i.e. week of 1/6/2025; week of 1/13/2025; and week of 1/20/2025).  
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Dated: January 9, 2025  
File No. 24-016425  
Firm Name: Orlands PC  
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48064  
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400 (01-09)(01-30)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement - Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM a.m./p.m. on February 20, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Timothy Scott Durand and Brenda S. Durand of Allegan County, Michigan, Mortgage to Fifth Third Bank (Western Michigan) dated the 28th day of June, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Allegan and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of July, 2004, Liber 2707, Page 258, of the Allegan County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$40,190.31 plus accrued interest at 9.000000% percent per annum. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Lee, in the County of Allegan and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Lee, County of Allegan, State of Michigan North 208.7 feet of West 208.7 feet of North 1/2 Northeast 1/4 Section 22, Town 1 North, Range 15 West. Commonly known as: 563 53rd Street, Pullman, MI 49450 Tax ID: 12-022-001-100 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 16, 2025 By: Benjamin N. Hoen RP-81415 Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 5990 West Creek Road, Suite 200 Independence, OH 44131 Telephone: 216-739-5100 Fax: 216-363-4034 Email: bhoen@weltman.com WWR#: 24-001282-1 (01-16)(02-06)

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Said premises are located in the City of Fennville, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:  
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250  
Estate of Randall J. Mulder Date of Birth:XXXX  
TO ALL CREDITORS: \*\*  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Randall J. Mulder, died August 6, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Clayton J. Mulder, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
1/15/2025  
James K. Schepers P42465  
James K. Schepers P.C., 6617 Crossings Dr. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49508  
616-512-4916  
Clayton J. Mulder  
2922 Deerfly Lane  
Shelbyville, MI 49344  
616-307-8570

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable) whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:  
TAKE NOTICE: Sarah Enid Conley has filed a petition for name change.  
A name change hearing will be held on March 3, 2025 at 9:00am at 113 Chestnut St, Allegan, MI 49010 before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater (P74848), to change the name of: Sarah Enid Conley to Sarah Enid Jennings

FORECLOSURE NOTICE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTN HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by Kevin M. Williams, a single man, of 2909 Lavita Lane, Dallas, Texas 75234 ("Mortgagor") to BankUnited, N.A., a national banking association, of 7815 NW 148 Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33016 ("Mortgagee") dated September 25, 2020 and recorded with the Allegan County Register of Deeds, State of Michigan, on September 30, 2020 in Liber 4517, Page 629, Document #202019993 (the "Mortgage"). The sum claimed to be due and owing on said Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is One Million Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and 10/100 Dollars (\$1,325,770.10) including principal and interest. Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 9 a.m., local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed at a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at that place where Circuit Court is held in Allegan

County of the premises and land described in the Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on the Mortgage, together with interest, advances, legal costs, and charges and expenses, including the attorney fee, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest. Said premises are situated in the City of Otsego, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 66 feet South 75 degrees 40 minutes East from Southeast corner of Fair and Charles Street, thence South 75 degrees 40 minutes 66 feet, thence South 14 degrees 20 minutes West 165 feet, thence North 75 degrees 40 minutes West 66 feet, thence North 14 degrees 20 minutes East 165 feet to beginning, Section 23, Town 1 North, Range 12 West. Parcel Identification Number: 54-023-057-00 Commonly known as 218 Charles St, Otsego, MI 49078 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241 or 600.3241a, as the case may be, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the time and place stated above. This hearing

the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Dated: January 14, 2025 BankUnited, N.A., a National Banking Association Ingrid A. Jensen (616) 608-1107 Attorney for Mortgagee Clark Hill PLC 200 Ottawa NW, Suite 500 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (01-23)(02-20)  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
48TH CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION  
ALLEGAN COUNTY  
PUBLICATION OF HEARING  
CASE NO. 24-68554-05-NA  
PETITION NO. 1  
Court Address: 113 Chestnut, Allegan, MI 49010  
TO ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS  
241 HUBBARD STREET  
ALLEGAN, MI 49010  
IN THE MATTER OF: LYRIC WELTY  
A hearing regarding PUTATIVE FATHER HEARING will be conducted by the court on FEBRUARY 20, 2025 at 9:00 AM in ALLEGAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION before REFEREE CRAIG J SEWELL. You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trial by a judge or jury.  
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that CODY WELTY personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing

may result in the Termination of your parental rights. 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010, Family Division.  
Dated: 1/13/25  
Judge Jolene A. Clearwater (P74848)  
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement  
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on February 20, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.  
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Amy Sayvongsa and Chris Velezquez, wife and husband  
Original Mortgage: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PHH Mortgage Corporation  
Date of Mortgage: August 15, 2022  
Date of Mortgage Recording: August 23, 2022  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$383,513.09  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Clyde, Allegan County,

Michigan, and described as: Lot 3 and the North 1/2 of Lot 2 of Atkins Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 8 of plats, Page 11, Allegan County Records  
Common street address (if any): 2259 Atkins Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9464  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.  
This notice is from a debt collector.  
Date of notice: January 23, 2025  
Trott Law, P.C.  
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
(248) 642-2515  
1551051  
(01-23)(02-13)

PEEK AT THE PAST

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

**Jan. 23, 1950**  
**South Haven makes it hard, but AHS wins:** The Allegan Tigers won a nip-and-tuck basketball game from South Haven Friday night, 45-40.  
The game was played before a full house on the local floor and this win gave the Tigers their second over the Rams and their tenth straight of the season.  
Both teams started out at a slow pace, but it didn't take long for the Tigers to turn on full steam in the first quarter as they outscored the Rams, 16-9.  
In the first stanza, Allegan made eight out of eight free shots and that was the deciding factor of the game as both teams tallied 16 baskets with South Haven making eight charity shots to Allegan's 13.  
Allegan led at the half by a 26-17 score, with Ray Harris connecting on his one-handed push shots in the second period to lead his teammates to a comfortable margin that South Haven never overcame.  
Harris took top honors with eight baskets and one free shot for a 17-point total. Chuck Taylor was next with 10 points to his credit. Are Pratt led South Haven with 14 points.



Ralph White spralls on the ice in hot, rather, cold, pursuit of a fleeing fowl. Ken Cook (middle) holds down one duck and Taylor obviously has his hands full.

**Jan. 23, 1975**  
**Ducks nearly turn rescue into Miner Lake ice follies:** Six stubborn ducks, squatting in the middle of Miner Lake for more than a week, almost turned a rescue effort into the ice follies Monday afternoon as Allegan firemen sought to free

them from ice they weren't frozen in.  
Fire chief R.G. "Bud" Blanz, acting on a call from the Department of Natural Resources, took a fire truck and some ingenious homemade, but untested, ice rescue equipment to the lake where a resident had reported some ducks had been frozen in the ice since Jan. 12.  
With Blanz were firemen Ken Cook and Mel Taylor and DNR district conservationist Bob VanderRoest. Miner Lake resident Ralph White also dropped by to help.  
For Blanz, it was a two-fold operation: He wanted to save the stranded ducks, but he wanted to test the rescue equipment he'd had for two years as well.  
The Miner Lake resident called VanderRoest Monday to report the ducks hadn't moved in some time and that she feared they might starve to death. He responded by calling Blanz, who jumped at the opportunity.

**Jan. 27, 2000**  
**Corridor study: County officials still seeking common ground:** Planners have begun to show a considerable urgency as to doing something to improve one of the primary arteries of traffic flow in Allegan County.

Overisel Twp.  
**Jan. 8, 2025**  
**CHRISTINE ANNE HAKEWES-SELL**, 87, Holland  
**NEVEL OVERTON SLACK**, 82, Watson Twp.  
**Jan. 9, 2025**  
**PAUL JEFFREY CERBIN**, 71, Wayland Twp.  
**RICHARD KENNETH ALBRECHT**, 79, Douglas  
**Jan. 10, 2025**  
**HARRY STEINBERG**, 92, Otsego Twp.  
**SANDRA GAIL DEGROOT**, 82, Dorr Twp.

**JORDAN DAVID MATZKE**, Holland, and **JOSIE ANN WITT**, Holland  
**DEREK THOMAS BROUWER**, Dorr, and **MORGAN JOCHELE KORF**, Ada  
**BRANDON JOHN LUBBERS**, Hamilton, and **LIZA MARIE KLINGENBERG**, Dorr  
**DARRIN SCOTT ROSE**, Otsego, and **SANDY LYNN BEE-MAN**, Otsego

**DEATHS**  
**Jan. 1, 2025**  
**RUBY ELAINE OWENS**, 77, Plainwell  
**LARRY LEE BUTCHER JR**, 59, Allegan  
**Jan. 3, 2025**  
**LANE ARLYN KNOLL**, 73, Laketown Twp.  
**CYNTHIA LYNN MOORE**, 69, Lee Twp.  
**AARON EUGENE SMITH**, 52, Clyde Twp.  
**Jan. 4, 2025**  
**EARLINE HUDSON**, 89, Clyde Twp.  
**Jan. 6, 2025**  
**BONNIE LOU ARENDSSEN**, 73,

**MARRIAGES**  
The following people applied for a marriage license between Jan. 7 and Jan. 15:  
**DANIEL ROSS KOCKA**, South Haven, and **LAUREN THERASE CONNER**, South Haven  
**SOLOMON LEE KLAASEN**, Allegan, and **KATHERINE JEAN HARRISON**, Hudsonville  
**JOSHUA RYAN MILLS**, Otsego, and **ASHLEY NICOLE FULTON**, Otsego

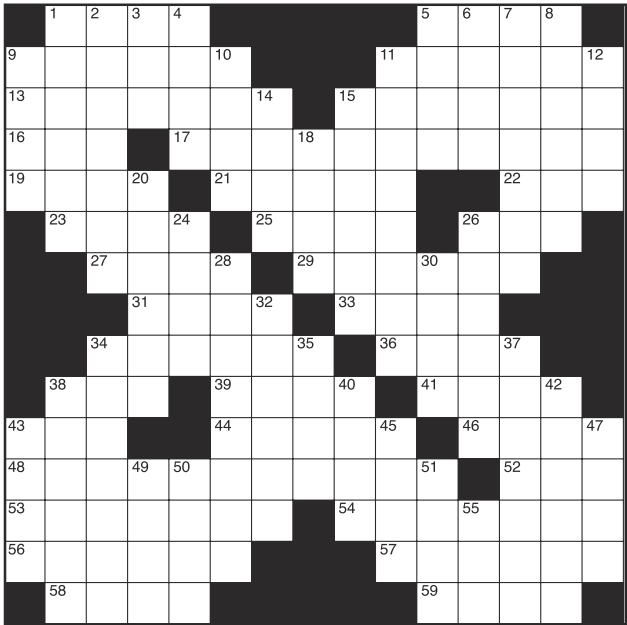


An M89/M40 committee meeting produced disagreements about whether to focus on corridor expansion or an alternative route for the future of Allegan County transportation. (From left) County Commissioner Bill Sikkel, moderator Joyce Tuharsky, Allegan City Manager Rob Hillard and Allegan County Road Commission Manager Bill Nelson listen to debate. (Photo by Dan Kelsey)

"As a community, we're looking at what we have to do today," she said.  
**Jan. 23, 2020**  
**Choirs awaken 'Sleeping Beauty':** Allegan Public Schools' seventh-and-eighth-grade choirs together with TrebleMakers—the district's fourth-and-fifth-grade youth choirs—will perform Disney's "Sleeping Beauty Kids" on Friday, Jan. 24.  
The combined cast of more than 100 students will take the stage starting at 7 p.m. at the Allegan Public Schools Performing Arts Center.  
The family-friendly one-act show follows the familiar fairy tale of Princess Aurora, who is cursed by the evil Maleficent and sent to a deep slumber. It is up to Prince Phillip and three good fairies to break the

curse and rescue the princess.  
The cast includes Jenna Tyrell as Maleficent; Rose Evans as Sleeping Beauty (Briar Rose); Gavin Clark as Prince Phillip; Sully Morgan as Young Prince; Ariana Pabis-Kaba as good fairy Merryweather; Kayle Vandervreen as good fairy Fauna; Mackenzie Hunt as good fairy Flora; Annalescia Garcia King as Queen Stefanie; Jessie Smith as Stefan; Elliot Leece as King Hubert; and Kayla Hinson and Reyna Hernandez as the narrators.  
Tickets are \$2 and are available at the door that evening.  
—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

CROSSWORD



**CLUES ACROSS**  
1. 'Loser' rocker  
5. Partner to relaxation  
9. Mixing  
11. Winged nut  
13. Expression of blame  
15. Vast ocean  
16. Comedienne Gaster  
17. Multiply  
19. Meat from a pig (French)  
21. Related  
22. Rocker Stewart  
23. Surprise completely  
25. Loon  
26. Canister  
27. Large, deep-bodied fish  
29. Takes forcefully  
31. Oil cartel  
33. Palmer and Hepburn are two  
34. More than one  
36. Places down purposefully  
38. Pitching statistic  
39. Type of sword  
41. Witnesses  
43. Body part  
44. Mixes slowly  
46. Satisfy  
48. Strong belief  
52. One's physique (slang)  
53. More frightening  
54. Soup cracker  
56. Teaches  
57. One who carries something  
58. Actor Sean  
59. Changes

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. \_\_\_ Aires, city  
2. Coarse grass  
3. Type of gene  
4. Door handle  
5. Competition  
6. Muslim ruler title  
7. Hunting expeditions  
8. Large mollusk  
9. Bind securely  
10. Former U.S. presidential candidate  
11. 2-point plays in football  
12. Breezed through  
14. Type setting  
15. Felt for  
18. Codified rules  
20. Small dome  
24. Chevrotain  
26. Male reproductive gland  
28. Controversial beliefs  
30. Z Z Z  
32. One who confines another  
34. Bishop  
35. Garlands  
37. Bird that flies by the coast  
38. Optical device  
40. Greek goddess of discord  
42. Some are 'Rolling'  
43. Formerly (archaic)  
45. Thrust a knife into  
47. German river  
49. Atomic #26  
50. Make a grotesque face  
51. Primordial matter of the universe  
55. Chinese philosophical principle

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SUDOKU

**Fun By The Numbers**  
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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(See Solution Page B4)



RELIGION SECTION

All of our New Year’s Resolutions have one unified purpose. We want to save money, lose weight, work on our health, improve our brain, or anything else because we want to make ourselves into a better person. In other words, we want to become a self-made man or woman.

That is our goal because what most of us really want is to be favorably and admired by others. Some go so far as to aspire to becoming a big-name Social Media Influencer who is followed by hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of others.

The harsh reality is that none of us are truly self-made individuals. All of us ‘know a guy or woman,’ or rely on ‘people’ to help us reach our goals. Sometimes they are treated, as the ultra-egotistical Gloria Swanson referred to them in her film *Sunset Boulevard*, “all you little people.” We don’t want to be relegated to the masses because ‘little people’ do not control or guide their own destiny.

That applies to our spiritual safari, as well.

Father John Wesley pointed out, “there is no such thing as solitary Christianity.” Perhaps he developed that idea after reading and reflecting on St. Paul’s first twelve verses in the third chapter of his Letter to the

Ephesians. There, he briefly outlined his connection and reliance on the Gentile community in the city and surrounding area.

Just as importantly, he gently reminds this first generation of Christians

that they are not self-made followers of Jesus. They have been spiritually and materially supported by fellow members around the Middle East. Further, they are the beneficiaries of centuries of Judaism which

led up to the birth and life of Jesus. Indeed, without Jesus there would be no Christianity and no hope for eternal life.

It is an important lesson for all of us to constantly keep in mind. From time to time, every congregation has an individual or small group who want to remake their church into their own agenda or image. Often, that means old and meaningful traditions are thrown out, beloved and comforting hymns are swept away, and leadership is abruptly changed. Change is inevitable and necessary, but revolution is another matter.

One of the many take-home lessons from this passage is our interconnectedness with one another, and even with members of churches outside our own denomination. Above all, it is the essential task to carefully discern what God wants us to do to build up his kingdom.

*G C Stoppel  
Priest Associate  
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI*



Directory of Area Churches

- Allegan Assembly of God**  
424 DeLano St, Allegan  
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays  
Church: 673-6577
- Allegan Bible Church**  
412 S. Sherman, Allegan  
Pastor Jon Gruss  
Church: 673-6831
- Allegan Christian Center**  
700 Ely St., Allegan  
Paul Knuckles, Pastor  
Church: 673-2921
- Allegan County Jail**  
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery  
Phone: 673-0350
- Allegan United Methodist Church**  
Corner Walnut & Trowbridge streets, Allegan  
Pastor Julia Humenik  
Church: 673-4236;
- At the Master’s Feet**  
814 21st St., Otsego  
269-694-6897  
Paster Ray Brown
- Blessed Sacrament Church**  
110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan  
Fr. Simon Manjooran  
Church: 673-4455
- Bloomington Bible Church**  
210 Chestnut at Pine NW  
Bloomington  
Ofc. 269-427-2101
- Bravo Community Church**  
5587 113th Ave., Fennville  
Pastor Duane Terpstra  
616-886-1214
- Burnips United Methodist**  
4241 30th, Burnips  
Craig VanBeek, Pastor  
616-896-8410
- Casco United Methodist Church**  
880 66th Street, South Haven  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.  
269-227-3328  
www.cascounc.org
- Chicora Country Chapel**  
4399 108th Ave., Allegan  
Pastor Herb Curry  
Phone: 521-7657
- Christ Community Church**  
3370 113th Ave., Allegan  
www.alleganccc.org •  
(269) 673-2329  
Pastor Wally Coots
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
687 Linn Street, Allegan  
Church: 673-9617
- Church of God - Otsego**  
112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego  
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.  
269-694-9481  
www.otsegocog.com
- Corner Bible Church**  
4001 124th Allegan  
673-5995  
www.cornerbiblechurch.com
- CrossWind Community Church**  
1632 142nd Avenue  
Dorr, MI 49323  
616-359-9013  
Pastor Tommy Boutell
- Dunningville Reformed Church**  
2559 M-40, Allegan  
Church: 751-5894  
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone  
dunningville.org/index.html
- East Martin Christian Reformed Church**  
510-118th Ave., Martin  
269-672-5746  
www.eastmartincrc.org
- Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd**  
101 North Walnut St, Allegan  
Office: 673-2254
- Faith Baptist Church**  
2846 125th Ave., Allegan  
John Looman, Pastor  
673-5040 1-888-354-3272
- Fennville Assembly of God**  
5897 124th Ave.  
Fennville, MI 49408  
269-561-2683
- Fennville United Methodist Church**  
5849 124th St., Fennville  
269-561-5048  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Bob Lynch, Pastor  
www.fennvilleumc.org
- First Presbyterian Church**  
200 Cutler Street, Allegan  
Church: 673-4631  
www.fpcallegan.org  
Pastor Sheri Harris  
10:30 service time.
- First Baptist Church**  
1290 32nd St., Allegan  
Service at 10:00am  
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley  
www.fbcallegan.com
- First Baptist Church of Otsego**  
247 E Allegan St., Otsego  
(269) 694-4160  
firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org
- First Church of God**  
1313 Marshall Street, Allegan  
269 673-3881  
www.pathtohim.org  
Pastor, Tim Secord
- First Congregational Church**  
323 Cutler Street, Allegan  
Church Office: 673-3139
- First Congregational Church**  
120 W. Morrell St., Otsego  
269-694-6085  
Pastor Lenny Luchetti
- First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell**  
303 East Bridge St.  
Plainwell, MI 49080  
Pastor Ruth Lowry 685-5990
- Friendship Bible Church**  
104 Baker St., Hopkins, MI  
Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldaraona  
Office 793-7929
- Ganges Baptist Church**  
6577 122nd Avenue, Fennville  
269-543-4203  
11AM each Sunday
- Grace Church of Hamilton**  
3690 Lincoln Rd. P.o. Box 97  
Hamilton Mi 49419  
269.264.4900  
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com
- Haven Church**  
PO Box 1  
4691 Oak Street, Hamilton  
(269)751-7300  
Pastor Mike Drew  
FB:havenreformedchurch
- Hope Lutheran Church**  
290 12th St., Plainwell  
(269) 685-1348  
Pastor Nicole Smith  
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am
- Hopkins Community Reformed Church**  
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins  
(269) 793-7361  
hopkinscommunitychurch.net
- Hopkins United Methodist Church**  
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins  
(269) 793-7323  
Pastor Kelsey French
- Horseshoe Community Bible Church**  
4950 104th Avenue, Grand Junction  
269-521-4580 •  
Pastor Don Miller
- Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
631 Grand Street, Allegan  
Church: 673-3335  
Rev. Christopher Laughlin
- Journey Family Church**  
514 W. Van Buren St. Gobles  
628-2288  
SSunday 9am and 11am  
Rev. Gary Napp
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witness**  
2199 Taft Road, Allegan  
Phone: 673-6179
- Living Waters Community Church**  
5458 M-89, Fennville  
Service: 10:30 Sundays  
Pastor Andrew Leach  
269-561-5277
- M-40 North Church of God**  
1900 M-40, Allegan  
Pastor Nathan Strom  
Church: 673-4412
- Martin Reformed Church**  
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin  
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks  
672-5596
- Martin United Methodist Church**  
969 E. Allegan St., Martin  
Pastor Margaret Stoken  
269-672-7097  
www.martinumc.org
- Merson Church**  
3313 102nd Ave., Gobles, MI  
Pastor Alan Carson  
Office: 673-5274  
www.mersonchurch.org
- Montage Ministries**  
“A Community in Worship”  
Griswold Auditorium  
Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm
- Monterey Center United Methodist Church**  
3022 130th Ave.  
Monterey Center, 49328  
Craig VanBeek, Pastor  
793-7288
- Mt. Calvary M.B. Church**  
5425 105th Ave., Pullman  
Pastor Everett Belue  
269-382-3405
- New Hope Baptist Church**  
2011 Lincoln Road (M-40 N)  
Pastor Tadd Butler  
673-1938
- Northbridge Church**  
8824 Douglas, Kalamazoo  
269-385-4378 •  
www.northbridge.cc
- Northpoint Ministries**  
10976 M40 (M40/CR390)  
Gobles MI • 269.628.9199  
Pastor Gary Lounsberry  
Sunday Worship: 11am
- OAKLAND CRC**  
4460 38th Street  
Hamilton. Mi. 49419  
616 688 5290  
Pastor Mark Vande Zande
- Otsego United Methodist Church**  
223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
Reverend Dan Minor  
Otsegomethodistchurch.org
- Peace Lutheran Church**  
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego  
www.peaceotsego.com  
694-6104
- Pearl United Methodist Church**  
1689 56th St., Fennville  
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am  
Bob Lynch, Pastor  
www.fennvilleumc.org
- Iglesia de Dios Pente-costal M.I.**  
**Pentecostal Church of God I.M**  
2281 57th St, Fennville  
Wed/Miércoles @ 7:00 pm  
Sunday/Domingo @ 10:00 am  
Worship Service @ 11:00am  
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan  
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959  
Email: gytnj@yahoo.com
- Plainwell First Baptist Church**  
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell  
(269) 685-8888  
Pastor George Osborn
- Plainwell First United Methodist Church**  
200 Park St. Plainwell  
269-685-5113  
www.fumcplainwell.com
- Rectify Church**  
247 N. Main St., Allegan  
616-218-1556  
Pastor Sarah Montgomery
- Refreshing Springs Ministries**  
201 Briggs St., Allegan  
616-510-7416  
Pastor Adrian Hall
- Restoration Christian Community**  
Live service 10:00 am Sundays  
RestorationChristianCommunity.org  
Pastor Austin T Kreutz  
269 567 8330
- River of Life Church**  
605 W. Allegan, Otsego  
269-672-9904  
www.alleganchurch.com
- Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
229 Cutler Street, Allegan  
Dan Rachor, Pastor  
Church: 673-3284
- Shelbyville United Methodist Church**  
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville  
672-7097 - Church office  
Pastor Margaret Stoken
- South Monterey United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Kelsey French  
Church: 793-7323
- St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church**  
11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville  
269-664-4345  
Service: Sundays 9:30 am
- Saint John’s Church Of God In Christ**  
716 Academy St, Allegan  
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.  
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007
- St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
1764 34th St., Allegan  
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
- St. Margaret’s Catholic Church**  
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego  
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355 26th Street, Otsego  
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor  
Church: 673-5502
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Pastor Kelly Ryan  
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# BIG SAVINGS!

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## VILLAGE MARKET

FOOD CENTERS  
YOUR HOMETOWN STORE

| 2025: AD EFFECTIVE DATES |               |              |               |              |              |              |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| MON. JAN. 20             | TUES. JAN. 21 | WED. JAN. 22 | THUR. JAN. 23 | FRI. JAN. 24 | SAT. JAN. 25 | SUN. JAN. 26 |

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| <p>Mix or Match<br/>Village Market, All Natural<br/><b>Boneless Assorted Center Cut or Butterfly Pork Loin Chops</b><br/>America's Cut, Thin, Pepper Seasoned or Seasoned America's Cut</p> <p>BUY TWO PKG. GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p> | <p><b>Fresh Express Iceberg Garden Salad</b><br/>12 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                       | <p>Village Market, Fresh<br/><b>Bulk Chicken Drumsticks</b><br/>Regular or BBQ<br/>Regular or Family Pack Size</p> <p>BUY TWO PKG. GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p> | <p><b>Lynden Farms Fries</b><br/>Crinkle Cut (2 lb.) or Shoestring (20 oz.)</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                          |
| <p><b>Hostess Mini Muffins</b><br/>Chocolate Chip or Blueberry<br/>4 ct. box</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                                                                                 | <p>Village Market, All Natural<br/><b>Boneless Baby Back Ribs</b><br/>Regular or BBQ</p> <p>BUY TWO PKG. GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                     | <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Dutch Farms Shredded Cheese</b><br/>6 - 8 oz.<br/>(excludes swiss &amp; parmesan)</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>        | <p>Mix or Match<br/>Village Market, All Natural, Fresh<br/><b>Pork Steak</b><br/>Regular, BBQ, Thin, Thick, Boneless or Stuffed</p> <p>BUY TWO PKG. GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p> |
| <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Smithfield Premium Sliced Bacon</b><br/>16 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Dutch Farms American Cheese Singles</b><br/>12 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                      | <p><b>Farmland Roll Sausage</b><br/>12 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                                          | <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Hostess Donettes</b><br/>9.5 - 11.25 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                                  |
| <p><b>Our Family Idaho Russet Potatoes</b><br/>3 lb. bag</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                                                                                                     | <p>Mix or Match<br/>Village Market, All Natural, Fresh<br/><b>Pork Strips</b><br/>Regular or BBQ</p> <p>BUY TWO PKG. GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>         | <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Our Family Taco or Fajita Seasoning</b><br/>1.25 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                     | <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Hatfield Ham Steak</b><br/>8 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                                          |
| <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Menu Del Sol Taquitos</b><br/>1.2 lb.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                                                                                             | <p>Assorted Varieties<br/><b>7-Up Products</b><br/>6 pk., 16.9 oz. btl.<br/>(plus deposit)</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                    | <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Smithfield Marinated Tenderloins</b><br/>18.4 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                        | <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Dutch Farms Chunk Cheese</b><br/>(8 oz.) or Cheese Cubes (6.4 oz.)<br/>(excludes swiss)</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                   |
| <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Dutch Farms Natural Cheese Slices</b><br/>6 oz.<br/>(excludes swiss)</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                                                              | <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Eckrich Franks</b><br/>Regular or Bunsize, Bologna or Cotto Salami<br/>10 - 14 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p> | <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Utz Chips</b><br/>7.75 - 8 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                           | <p><b>Smithfield Fully Cooked Bacon</b><br/>2.1 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                                                  |
| <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Eckrich Smoked or Polish Sausage</b><br/>10 - 14 oz.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                                                                                              | <p>Select Varieties<br/><b>Our Family Microwave Popcorn</b><br/>3 ct.</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                                         | <p><b>Armour Sliced Pepperoni</b><br/>Original or Turkey (4 - 5 oz.) or Hard Salami (5 oz.)</p> <p>BUY TWO GET <b>Three Free</b></p> <p>OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE</p>                         | <p><b>Deli Dark Meat Chicken</b><br/>BUY TWO Pieces<br/><b>Get Three Free</b><br/>Mixed Legs &amp; Thighs<br/>Save at least \$6.17</p>                                                                        |

## VILLAGE Xpress MARKET Fuel Savings!

We offer you more ways to save in store and at the pump!

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| <p><b>save 10¢</b> On Each Gallon of Fuel!</p> <p>Spend \$25 or more on groceries and receive 10¢ off each gallon of gas! (up to 25 gallons)</p> | <p><b>save 25¢</b> On Each Gallon of Fuel!</p> <p>Spend \$50 or more on groceries and receive 25¢ off each gallon of gas! (up to 25 gallons)</p> | <p><b>best savings 50¢</b> On Each Gallon of Fuel!</p> <p>Spend \$75 or more on groceries and receive 50¢ off each gallon of gas! (up to 25 gallons)</p> |
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**We reserve the right to limit quantities. We are not providing rain checks due to supply and demand from the Coronavirus (Covid-19).**



# Fresh Produce

## At Great Prices!



**Our Family Navel Oranges**  
4 lb. bag

**\$3.99**



Select Varieties  
**Fresh Express Chopped Salad Kits**  
9.4 - 12.8 oz.

**2/\$7**



Fresh  
**Romaine Hearts**  
2 ct.

**\$2.99**



**Cosmic Crisp Apples**

**\$1.99**  
lb.



Fresh  
**Blackberries or Red Raspberries**  
6 oz. pkg.

**2/\$6**



**Our Family Red or White Onions**  
2 lb. bag

**\$2.49**



**Our Family White Mushrooms**  
Sliced or Whole  
8 oz. pkg.

**2/\$4**



# Organic



Select Varieties  
**Earthbound Farm Salad Mixes**  
10 oz.

**\$4.99**



Fresh  
**Organic Peeled Baby Carrots**

**\$1.99**  
lb.



## floral center

Half Dozen  
**Roses**  
each

**\$6.99**



10-Stem  
**Tulips**  
each

**\$8.99**

## Fresh Deli

**Boar's Head**  
Available At Our Allegan Location Only.

**Boar's Head Ever Roast Chicken**  
**\$11.99**  
lb.

**Boar's Head Genoa Salami**.....  
**\$13.49**  
lb.

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**\$11.49**  
lb.

**Boar's Head Colby Cheese**  
**\$9.99**  
lb.



**Old Tyme Deli Ham**  
Brown Sugar, Maple or Off-The-Bone  
**\$7.49**  
lb.



Save at least 50¢ lb.

**Old Tyme Deli Provolone Cheese**  
**\$6.49**  
lb.



Save at least 50¢ lb.

Our Famous  
**Rotisserie Chicken**  
Original, BBQ, Lemon Pepper or Fried, each

**\$8.99**



Save at least \$1.00



**Meat Lasagna**

Save at least \$2.00 lb.  
**\$6.49**  
lb.



**Eckrich Regular Bologna**

Save at least \$2.00 lb.  
**\$4.89**  
lb.



**Deviled Egg Potato Salad**

Save at least 50¢ lb.  
**\$4.49**  
lb.

**Deli Dark Meat Chicken**  
**BUY TWO**  
Pieces  
**Get Three**  
Pieces  
**Free**  
Mixed Legs & Thighs  
Save at least \$6.17



**\$5.99**

## Daily Lunch Specials

Monday - Friday 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**Monday, Jan. 20:**  
1/2 Panini of the Day  
Includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

**Tuesday, Jan. 21:**  
Open Face Turkey Sandwich  
Includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

**Wednesday, Jan. 22:**  
3-Piece Dark Meat Chicken  
Includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

**Thursday, Jan. 23:**  
Pulled Pork Sandwich  
Includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

**Friday, Jan. 24:**  
3-Piece Chicken Tenders  
Includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

## Fresh Bakery

Not Available In All Stores.

Fresh Baked!  
**White Bread**  
16 oz.

**\$2.49**

Save at least 50¢



Fresh Baked!  
**Dinner or Potato Rolls**  
8 - 12 ct.

**\$3.99**

Save at least 50¢



Special Recipe!  
**Cinnamon Rolls**  
6 ct.

**\$4.49**

Save at least 50¢



Seasonal Favorite!  
**Paczi**  
4 ct.

**\$5.99**

Save at least \$1.00



Baked Fresh!  
**Strawberry Rhubarb Pie**  
8-inch

**\$7.99**

Save at least \$1.00



**Glazed Donuts**  
3 ct.

**\$2.99**

Save at least 60¢







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Previously Frozen  
**Boneless,  
Skinless  
Chicken Breast**

**\$2.99**  
lb.

85% Lean  
Butterball  
Ground Turkey  
16 oz.  
**2/\$9**



Village Market,  
All Natural, Fresh  
**Boneless  
Pork  
Tenderloin**

**\$2.99**  
lb.

Certified Fresh  
**Ground Beef  
from Chuck**  
3 lb. or more pkg.

**\$4.99**  
lb.



Village Market, Fresh  
Ground Chuck  
Burger Patties  
**\$5.69**  
lb.

Tender Ridge,  
Choice Angus  
**Boneless  
Beef English  
Cut Roast**  
Family Pack

**\$5.69**  
lb.



Lesser  
Amount Pkg.  
**\$5.99**  
lb.



Tender Ridge,  
Choice Angus  
**Boneless  
Beef Sirloin  
Tip Steak**  
Family Pack

**\$6.99**  
lb.

Lesser  
Amount Pkg.  
**\$7.49**  
lb.



Tender Ridge,  
Choice Angus  
**Boneless Beef  
Ranch Steak**  
Family Pack

**\$6.69**  
lb.

Lesser  
Amount Pkg.  
**\$6.99**  
lb.

Tender Ridge,  
Choice Angus  
**Semi-Boneless  
Beef New York  
Strip Steak**  
Family Pack



**\$10.99**  
lb.

Village Market,  
All Natural  
**Boneless  
Center Cut  
Pork Loin Roast**



**\$2.69**  
lb.

## Butcher Shoppe Specialties

Village Market,  
Store Made, Fresh  
**Original Pork  
Breakfast  
Sausage Links**  
Family Pack

**\$3.99**  
lb.



Village Market,  
Store Made, Fresh  
**Bulk Cheddar  
Breakfast  
Sausage**

**\$3.29**  
lb.



Village Market,  
Store Made  
**Meatloaf with  
Bacon & Cheddar**

**\$5.99**  
lb.



Tender Ridge  
**Boneless Beef  
Tenderized  
Stew Meat**

**\$8.99**  
lb.



**Oscar Mayer  
Fully Cooked  
Bacon**  
Regular or Thick Cut  
2.52 oz.

**\$4.99**



Select Varieties  
**Oscar Mayer  
Uploaded  
Lunchables**  
13.9 - 15.46 oz.

**\$3.99**



Select Varieties  
**Bar S  
Franks**  
Jumbo, Bun Length or Chicken  
(16 oz.), **Bologna** or  
**Cotto Salami** (12 - 16 oz.)

**\$1.79**

## tasty seafood



Fresh  
**Catfish  
Fillets**

**\$8.99**  
lb.



**Superior  
Lobster Mac  
N Cheese**  
HomeStyle or Gourmet  
14 oz.

**\$5.99**

Peeled & Deveined  
**Our Family  
Large  
Raw Shrimp**  
31 - 40 ct., 16 oz.

**\$7.49**

Peeled & Deveined  
**Our Family  
Shrimp**  
16 - 20 ct., 16 oz.

**\$11.99**



Select Varieties  
**AquaStar  
Breaded  
Shrimp**  
24 oz.

**\$9.99**



# Italian Food Sale



Spice World  
Minced Garlic  
8 oz. jar  
**2/\$5**



**Spice World  
Minced Garlic**  
32 oz. jar

**\$5.99**

Village Market,  
Store Made  
Select Varieties

**Bulk Italian  
Pork Sausage**

**\$2.99**  
lb.



**Our Family  
Yellow Onions**  
3 lb. bag

**\$1.69**

Select Varieties

**Our Family  
Canned  
Tomatoes**  
14.5 - 15 oz.

**3/\$3**



Select Varieties  
**Our Family  
Pasta Sauce**  
23 - 24 oz.

**3/\$5**



Select Varieties  
**Bertolli  
Pasta Sauce**  
15 - 24 oz.

**2/\$4**



Select Varieties  
**Light 'N Fluffy  
Noodles**  
12 oz.

**2/\$4**



Select Varieties  
**Our Family  
Pasta**  
12 - 16 oz.

**3/\$4**



Select Varieties  
**Our Family  
Broth**  
14.5 oz.

**3/\$3**



**Kraft  
Grated  
Parmesan  
Cheese**  
8 oz.

**\$4.99**



Fresh  
**Garlic**  
each

**79¢**



Village Market,  
Store Made  
**Italian  
Brats**

**\$3.99**  
lb.

# Breakfast Bargains



Select Varieties  
**General Mills  
Large Size  
Cereal**  
12 - 16.8 oz.

**\$3.99**



Select Varieties  
**Kellogg's  
Family Size  
Cereal**  
16.6 - 21.7 oz.

**\$5.49**



Select Varieties  
**Post  
Cereal**  
(11 - 16.6 oz.) or  
**Granola** (12 oz.)

**2/\$6**



Select Varieties  
**Quaker  
Cereal**  
11.2 - 13 oz.

**\$3.99**



Select Varieties  
**Kellogg's  
Pop-tarts** (12 ct.),  
**Pop-tart Bites** (7 oz.)  
or **Poppers** (5 oz.)

**\$3.49**



Select Varieties  
**Our Family  
Granola Bars**  
6 - 10 ct.

**\$2.69**



Select Varieties  
**Maxwell House  
Ground Coffee**  
22 - 33.1 oz.

**\$8.99**



Select Varieties  
**Our Family  
Ground Coffee**  
22.6 - 29.2 oz.

**\$7.99**



Select Varieties  
**Dunkin' Donuts  
K-Cups or  
Ground Coffee**  
10 ct. or 10 - 12 oz.

**\$6.99**



Select Varieties  
**Our Family  
Peanut Butter**  
Chunky or Creamy  
40 oz.

**\$4.99**



Select Varieties  
**Our Family  
Pancakes or  
Waffles**  
10 - 12 ct.

**2/\$4**



Select Varieties  
**Pillsbury  
Toaster Strudel**  
6 ct.

**2/\$6**



Select Varieties  
**Bays  
English  
Muffins**  
6 ct.

**2/\$6**



Select Varieties  
**Simply  
Juice**  
Apple, Cranberry,  
Grapefruit or Orange  
52 oz.

**\$3.99**



Select Varieties  
**Our Family  
English  
Muffins**  
12 oz.

**2/\$4**

Village Market,  
Store Made, Fresh

**Bulk Original  
Pork Breakfast  
Sausage**  
Family Pack

**\$2.99**  
lb.





# savings - selection - service - quality - value

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Assorted Varieties  
**Coke Products**  
6 pk., 7.5 oz. mini sleek cans (plus deposit)

Assorted Varieties  
**Coke Products**  
1.25 liter (plus deposit)

Assorted Varieties  
**Coke Products**  
12 pk., 12 oz. cans (plus deposit)

Save at least \$2.48 on 2

2/\$9

2/\$3

2/\$15

When You Buy 2

Lesser or More Qty.'s  
**\$7.99**  
Each (plus deposit)

Select Varieties  
**Our Family Potato Chips**  
7.5 - 8 oz.

Pringles  
Snack Stack  
Potato Crisps  
Cheddar Cheese, Original or Sour Cream & Onion  
12 pk. or 8.8 oz.

BUY ONE, GET ONE  
**FREE!**

Save at least \$3.49 on 2

Assorted Varieties  
**Pepsi Products**  
(6 pk., 16.9 oz. btl.) (plus deposit) or  
**Propel Sports Drinks**  
(6 pk., 16.9 oz. btl.)

Assorted Varieties  
**Pepsi Products**  
8 pk., 12 oz. btl. or 10 pk., 7.5 oz. mini cans (plus deposit)

2/\$9

\$5.99

Save at least \$2.48 on 2

**Our Family Saltine Crackers**  
Regular or Unsalted  
16 oz.

2/\$4

Save at least \$3.78 on 2

Select Varieties  
**Kellogg's Family Size Snack Crackers**  
Cheez-It, Town House, Club or Scooby Doo Graham Cracker Sticks, 9 - 21 oz.

\$5.49

Save at least 50¢ on 1

Select Varieties  
**Bai 5 Drinks**  
(18 oz.) or  
**Core Hydration**  
(23.9 oz.)

5/\$5

Save at least \$4.45 on 5

**Coors:** Banquet or Light or  
**Miller:** Genuine Draft, Lite or Genuine Draft 64 (12 pk. btl.) or  
**Coors Light or Miller Lite** (15 pk., 12 oz. cans) (plus deposit)

\$12.99

Save at least \$2.70 on 1

Select Varieties  
**Fritos Corn Chips**  
(9.25 - 10 oz.),  
**Frito-Lay Cheetos**  
(6.5 - 8.5 oz.) or  
**Cheetos Popcorn or Pretzels**  
(6.5 - 10 oz.)

2/\$7

Save at least \$4.78 on 2

Select Varieties  
**Frito-Lay Party Size Snacks**  
9.75 - 17 oz.

\$5.49

**Our Family Purified or Spring Water**  
24 pk., 16.9 oz. btl.

\$3.99

Select Varieties  
**Glacéau Smartwater**  
Alkaline or Antioxidant liter

2/\$4

Select Varieties  
**Glacéau Vitaminwater**  
20 oz.

2/\$3

Select Varieties  
**White Claw Hard Seltzer**  
12 pk., 12 oz. cans (plus deposit)

\$18.99

Select Varieties  
**Santero Wine**  
750 ml.

\$9.99

Select Varieties  
**Act II Microwave Popcorn**  
6 ct.

\$4.99

Assorted Varieties  
**Bubly Sparkling Water** (8 pk., 12 oz. cans) or  
**Pepsi Products** (6 pk., 7.5 oz. mini cans) (plus deposit)

2/\$8

Select Varieties  
**Our Family Tall Kitchen Trash Bags**  
with Drawstring  
20 ct.

\$3.99

**Aunt Millie's Cracked Wheat Homestyle Bread**  
or Butter Top Wheat, 100% Whole Wheat or Italian **Family Style Bread** (22 oz.), **Homestyle Honey** or **Stadium White Hot Dog** or **Hamburger Buns** (8 ct.)

2/\$5

Save at least 58¢ on 2

**Brooks Chili Beans**  
Hot or Mild (15.5 oz.) or  
Select Varieties  
**Our Family Beans** (15 oz.)

3/\$3

Save at least 75¢ on 3

Select Varieties  
**Our Family Salad Dressing**  
16 oz.

2/\$4

Save at least \$2.00 on 2

Select Varieties  
**Our Family Croutons**  
5 oz.

3/\$4

Select Varieties  
**Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Dinner**  
5.5 - 7.3 oz.

3/\$4

Save at least \$1.47 on 3

**Bisquick Mix**  
Original or Heart Smart  
40 oz.

\$4.49

Save at least \$2.00 on 1

Select Varieties  
**Our Family Panko Breadcrumbs**  
8 oz.

\$1.79

Select Varieties  
**Purina Cat Chow**  
14 - 15 lb.

\$18.99

Save at least \$3.00 on 1

Select Varieties  
**Beneful Dog Food**  
14 lb.

\$16.99

Select Varieties  
**Campbell's Chunky Soup**  
15.25 - 19 oz.

2/\$4

Save at least \$2.58 on 2

Select Varieties  
**Rao's Soup**  
16 oz.

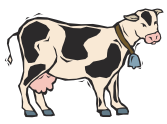
2/\$9

**Brawny Paper Towels**  
Tear or Full Sheet (4 ct. roll) or  
**Quilted Northern Bath Tissue**  
Ultra Plush or Ultra Soft (6 ct. roll)

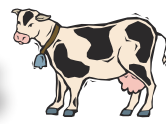
\$6.99

Save at least \$3.00 on 1





# dairy savings - dairy savings



**Our Family**  
2% Lowfat  
Milk  
gallon

**2/\$7**

Save at least 48¢ on 2

Select Varieties  
**Coffee mate**  
Creamer  
32 oz.

**2/\$7**

Save at least \$3.38 on 2

**Orchard Pure**  
100% Orange Juice  
from Concentrate  
64 oz.

**\$3.99**

Save at least \$2.00 on 1

Select Varieties  
**Country Fresh**  
Cottage Cheese, French  
Onion Dip or Sour Cream  
24 oz.

**\$2.99**

Save at least 50¢ on 1

Select Varieties  
**Our Family**  
Butter  
Spreadable or Quarters  
15 - 16 oz.

**\$3.99**

Save at least 30¢ on 1

**Our Family**  
Heavy Whipping Cream  
16 oz.

**\$2.99**

Save at least \$1.00 on 1

Select Varieties  
**Our Family**  
Cream Cheese  
8 oz. box

**2/\$4**

Save at least \$1.48 on 2

Select Varieties  
**Chobani**  
Yogurt  
20g Protein or Flips  
4.5 - 6.7 oz.

**3/\$4**

## frozen favorites - frozen favorites

Select Varieties  
**Dean's**  
Country Fresh  
Ice Cream  
48 oz.

**\$3.99**

Save at least \$2.00 on 1

Select Varieties  
**Roma**  
Pizza  
10.54 - 14.1 oz.

**4/\$11**

Select Varieties  
**TGI Fridays**  
Appetizers  
8 - 11 oz.

**\$4.49**

Save at least \$2.00 on 1

Select Varieties  
**Ore-Ida**  
Frozen Potatoes  
19 - 32 oz.

**\$4.99**

Save at least \$1.00 on 1

Select Varieties  
**New York**  
Toast, Knots or  
Ciabatta Rolls  
7.3 - 13.5 oz.

**2/\$7**

Save at least \$2.58 on 2

Select Varieties  
**Dean's Country Fresh**  
Ice Cream Bars  
12 ct.

**\$3.99**

Save at least \$2.00 on 1

Select Varieties  
**Hungry-Man**  
Frozen Dinners  
14.5 - 16 oz.

**\$3.99**

Save at least \$1.00 on 1

Select Varieties  
**Marie Callender's**  
Frozen Entrées  
11.5 - 15 oz.

**2/\$6**

Save at least \$3.48 on 2

## health & beauty and general merchandise

Select Varieties  
**Heath**  
Bird Suet  
each

**2/\$4**

**Our Family**  
Wild Bird Food  
5 lb.

**\$4.99**

Select Varieties  
**Sylvania**  
Light Bulbs  
1 - 4 ct.

**\$1.00**

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Select Varieties  
**Simply Done**  
Latex or Vinyl  
Disposable Gloves  
each

**\$2.99**

Select Varieties  
**Mr. Clean**  
Cleaning Gloves  
each

**\$3.99**

**O-Cedar**  
Power Corner  
Large Angle Broom  
each

**\$9.99**

**TopCare®**

**TopCare**  
Bladder  
Control Pads  
Regular or Light  
20 - 30 ct.

**\$3.99**

Select Varieties  
**TopCare**  
Epsom Salt  
3 - 4 lb.

**\$4.99**

Select Varieties  
**TopCare**  
Ibuprofen  
50 ct. caplets or tablets

**\$2.99**

**TopCare**  
Cherry Sore  
Throat Spray  
6 oz.

**\$3.49**

**Energizer**  
Max AA  
or AAA  
Batteries  
4 ct.

**\$4.99**

**Duracell**  
AA or AAA  
Batteries  
8 ct.

**\$9.99**

Select Varieties  
**Axe**  
Body Wash  
16 oz.

**\$5.99**

Select Varieties  
**Dove**  
Bar Soap  
2 ct.

**\$5.99**

Select Varieties  
**Irish Spring**  
Bar Soap  
3 ct.

**2/\$7**

Select Varieties  
**White Rain**  
Shampoo or  
Conditioner  
15 oz.

**2/\$3**

Select Varieties  
**White Rain**  
Men's or Women's  
Deodorant  
2 - 2.25 oz.

**2/\$3**

Select Varieties  
**White Rain**  
Body Wash  
12 oz.

**2/\$3**

Select Varieties  
**Oral-B**  
Glide Floss Picks  
(150 ct.), Toothbrushes: Medium Essential  
Clean (6 ct.) or Soft Regular Pulsar (1 ct.),  
Crest Pro-health or Crest+Scope Toothpaste  
(10.8 - 33.8 oz.), Pro-health Whitening Gel  
(8.6 twin pack) or Mouth Rinse (16 oz. - 1 liter)  
or Scope Squeeze Mouthwash (50 ml)

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